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SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES IN CANTONMENT BOARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any shortage of resources have been reported in the cantonment boards in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cantonment boards have to depend on the local administration for such resources;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) & (b): During the year 2014-15, the number of Cantonment Boards deficient of funds to meet their expenditure on statutory liability like payment of salary, pension of staff and maintenance of essential services like sanitation, health, water supply, education and street light, etc. in the Cantonments was 47. Central Government released grant-in-aid of Rs. 301.32 crore to these 47 Cantonment Boards during the year 2014-15.
- (c) & (d): Some Cantonment Boards receive educational grants from State Governments. As per latest information 21 Cantonment Boards in 9 States / UTs were receiving such educational grants.
- (e) In order to enable Cantonment Boards to develop infrastructure, a New Budget Head "Grants for creation of capital assets" has been created since the year 2012-13 and funds are allocated therein.