

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Sainik Schools

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had taken a decision to set up Sainik school in each State of the country during the year 1961;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay in the implementation of this decision and the number of Sainik Schools currently functioning in the States;
- (c) the details of the number of proposals received for setting up of such schools currently pending in the country, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for early disposal of such proposals?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) As per the Memorandum of Association of the Sainik Schools Society, 1961 the objects of the society include establishment of Sainik Schools in various parts of India to provide special School education of a high standard with the aim of preparing boys academically and physically for entry into the National Defence Academy and other walks of life.

(b) Sainik Schools are established on receipt of a specific request from the State Government. The State Government is also required to provide infrastructure in the form of land, educational and residential buildings, games fields and other equipments. Once a proposal to the effect is received from the State Government, in-principle approval is accorded after assessing the suitability of the proposal. Thereafter, a Memorandum of Agreement is signed between the Ministry of Defence and the State Government before Sainik Schools are established. Presently, there are 25 Sainik Schools in the Country (Annexure-I) covering 21 States.

(c) & (d): "In-principle" approval has been accorded/memorandum of Agreement signed for setting up of 11 more Sainik Schools (Annexure-II). Status of the other proposals received from the State/UTs for setting up of Sainik Schools is at Annexure-III.

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