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Title: Need to increase the fund for National Cadet Corps.

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government a matter of urgent public importance.

This is regarding the National Cadet Corps training in schools and colleges across the country. The NCC was conceived in 1917 when India Defence Act was promulgated with an object of making up the deficiencies in the Armed Forces by raising the University Corps. The NCC was established at the behest of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for training and motivating the youth of the country to become better citizens and leaders in all walks of life. It helps the youth to realise the intimate relationship between man and the community, between community and nature and their inter-dependability.

With increasing anti-social activities, the role of the NCC has become more relevant. Of late, the role of the NCC has been diminishing in schools and colleges, when the need of the hour is to strengthen it. The NCC should be made compulsory in all the Government schools and colleges. But as of now, the choice is given to the students whether to join or not. While it should be free in the Government educational institutions, in private and aided educational institutions, the cost of the NCC training should be borne in the ratio of 50:50 between the NCC and the private schools/colleges. Special campaigns should be launched to create awareness about the NCC among the targeted group and the benefits that accrue to students after joining the NCC. As in Defence forces, weightage should be given to the NCC certificate holders in the selection process for jobs in the Central and the State Governments also.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Central Government to increase funding for the NCC training to make it more popular and a success for which it has been created by an Act of Parliament.