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Title: Need to declare all the villages in Yol Cantonment area, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh as civil areas.

SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI (JODHPUR): There are sixty-two cantonment areas in India. Yol Cantonment is a cantonment town in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh. The town got its name from YOL (Young Officers Leave Camp), a small town established by the British Indian Army in 1849.

It has an interesting history. It started around World War-II as a Prisoner of War (POW) Camp and recently it was used for the youngest battalion of Indian Army named Rising Star.

Yol has a population of 10,772 and half of them are civilians. Yol Cantonment has eight villages out of which three were declared civil areas, the remaining five areas are in Cantonment area. Recently, the Army has enclosed these areas by constructing a brick wall and some villages are outside the brick wall area. Due to this, many people residing there are facing problem of civic amenities and other facilities, which are being availed by the other civil residents of surrounding area.

I would, therefore, urge upon the Hon'ble Minister of Defence to kindly have these villages declared as civil areas.