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Title: Need to restart NCC unit in Arts and Engineering colleges in Krishnagiri district of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Thank you Hon. Speaker Madam.

NCC unit was functioning in Government Arts College for Men in my constituency Krishnagiri until the year 2000 with an intake of 100 students. However, NCC unit in the said college had been closed due to old age of the officer who was in charge of that unit.

Madam, in the whole district, there are 11 Government and Private Arts Colleges and six Engineering Colleges, and out of which only seven schools are having NCC units. But unfortunately, no college is having NCC unit now. Therefore, the students of the colleges are not able to get the NCC 'C' certificate. More students are entering into the Army service but only at the lower levels. If they possess the NCC 'C' certificate, their opportunity will be more for higher posts in the Armed Forces.

It is also the desire of our hon. Chief Minister, Dr. Puratchi Thalaivi Amma that the students of this educationally backward district should come up in flying colours and be placed in better positions for serving the nation.

I would, therefore, request the Government to restart the NCC unit at Government and private arts colleges and engineering colleges in Krishnagiri District so that the students of these colleges can obtain NCC 'C' certificate, which will help them in a big way to serve the nation through Armed Forces. Thank you.