

matter has been reviewed in the light of—

- (i) the growing strength of the senior division NCC for college boys, unrelated to the defence requirements consequent upon the increase in the enrolment in colleges from year to year;
- (ii) the shortages that continue to exist in the matter of training staff and equipment for effective training being imparted;
- (iii) the lack of aptitude and reluctance on the part of individual students to participate in the NCC on a compulsory basis;
- (iv) the growing feeling amongst universities and educationists in general of late that the NCC should be made voluntary; and
- (v) the recommendations of the Education Commission and Kothari Committee on the formation of National Service Corps.

A proposal is now under consideration to make the N.C.C. voluntary. The proposal if accepted would lead to a sizable reduction in the strength of the N.C.C.

(c) Within the limitations indicated in answer to parts (a) and (b) the N.C.C. has achieved its objectives adequately.

(d) Apart from the N.C.C., the syllabus of which provides for training for physical fitness and which has as one of its aims the building up of a reserve of potential manpower for the Armed Forces, and the Military and Sainik Schools, with which also the Ministry is connected, the Defence Ministry has no other plans for intensifying physical fitness programmes in educational institutions.

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Mig Factories

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Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress so far made in setting up of Mig factories in India;
- (b) the total capacity of the factories; and
- (c) the total expenditure incurred so far on them?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. R. Bhagat):
 (a) Construction of technical and production buildings has made considerable progress in the MIG Factories. Procurement of Plant, Machinery, equipment, translation of documents, recruitment and training of personnel are progressing satisfactorily to match a coordinated programme of manufacture.

(b) It is not in the public interest to disclose this information.

(c) The total capital expenditure incurred on the MIG factories is approximately Rs. 24.00 crores as by the end of March, 1967.

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