

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2257**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**CANTEEN FACILITIES TO EX-SERVICEMEN**

2257. SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of canteen facilities available in the country for the benefit of Ex-Servicemen;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of closure/merger of canteen facilities nationwide and the suffering of Ex-Servicemen as a result thereof and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open canteen facility in Puducherry exclusively for the benefit of Ex-Servicemen; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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- (a) There are 3809 Unit Run Canteens (URCs) as on date, all over the country, which can also be utilised by Ex-servicemen.
- (b) The Government has not given any orders for closure of URCs. However, merger of URCs is a periodic process based on the number of beneficiaries in the area, proximity to other URCs and organisational efficiency. All efforts are made to ensure that there is no inconvenience to the clientele, including Ex-servicemen.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

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