

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.

NCC platoons in the country

3564. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the number of NCC Platoons in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase the number of NCC platoons to cover more students both boys and girls; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 777 NCC units of the Army, Navy and Air Wings spread all over the country.

(b) and (c) Government is considering proposal to increase the sanctioned NCC cadet strength from 13 lakh to 15 lakh cadets over a period of five years.

Aims and objectives of CDS

3565. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is in favour of Combined Defence Service (CDS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the aims and objectives of such CDS; and

(d) the views of the three wings in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) No proposal for Combined Defence Service is being considered in the Ministry of Defence.

Defence Expo 2010

3566. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Expo 2010 was held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof especially the domestic sector when compared to foreign countries in each term and its area;