

(b) In INDU it is proposed, *inter alia*, to conduct courses of varying durations on subjects ranging from Strategic Studies, War Gaming and Simulation, Neighbourhood Studies, Counter insurgency and Counter Terrorism, Chinese Studies, Evaluation of Strategic Thought, International Security Issues, Maritime Security Studies, Eurasian Studies, South East Asian Studies, material acquisition, joint logistics, national security strategy in peace and war, etc.

(c) Setting up of INDU would not affect the pattern of selection and training through NDA and CDS. The existing institutions National Defence College (NDC), College of Defence Management (CDM), National Defence Academy (NDA) and Defence Services Staff College (DSSC) are proposed to be brought under the ambit of INDU without diluting their powers or autonomy.

#### **Shifting of army recruitment office at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand**

‡4533. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued an order to shift the army recruitment office situated at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand; and

(b) if so, the details of reasons for creating such a situation that led to the shifting of army recruitment office elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Based on the recommendations of the Review Task Force set up to review existing locations of Zonal Recruiting Offices (ZRO)/ Branch Recruiting Offices (BRO), it was decided in 2005 to shift BRO, Pithoragarh to Dehradun. However, decision has not been implemented due to non availability of suitable accommodation at Dehradun and 'No Objection' from State Government.

#### **Enhancing bilateral ties with Myanmar**

4534. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Myanmar propose to work together to address common concerns and enhance bilateral ties in various fields including Defence;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

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‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.