

- (b) if so, how many and from whom and when?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Aircraft carrier 'Vikramaditya' (ex-Admiral Gorshkov) has been acquired from Russia post repair / refit and re-equipping. INS-Vikramaditya was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 16th November 2013 at Russia and arrived in India, on 7th January 2014.

Opening of Military and Sainik schools

1402. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up more National Military Schools and Sainik Schools in the country, particularly in Maharashtra;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) the laid down criteria / guidelines for the opening of more Military and Sainik Schools in the country; and

- (d) the details of financial assistance provided to Military and Sainik Schools during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In-principle approval for establishment of 06 Sainik Schools in the State of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Mizoram has already been accorded by the Government as per details given in Statement-I (*See below*). There is no proposal under consideration for opening of another Rashtriya Military School or Sainik School in Maharashtra.

- (c) Sainik Schools are established on receipt of request from State Government agreeing to provide land along with funds for the creation and maintenance of basic infrastructure, equipment and facilities besides scholarships for the cadets of the State.

- (d) The information is given in Statement-II.

Statement - I

Details of proposed New Sainik Schools

| Sl. No. | District | State |
|---------|----------|---------------|
| 1. | Jhansi | Uttar Pradesh |
| 2. | Mainpuri | Uttar Pradesh |

| Sl. No. | District | State |
|---------|-------------|---------------|
| 3. | Amethi | Uttar Pradesh |
| 4. | Alwar | Rajasthan |
| 5. | Jhunjhunu | Rajasthan |
| 6. | Chhingchhip | Mizoram |

Statement-II

*Details of financial assistance provided to five Rashtriya Military Schools
and twenty four Sainik Schools by Ministry of Defence during
the last three years, year-wise)*

| Sl. No. | Schools | Year 2011-12 (₹ in crore) | Year 2012-13 (₹ in crore) | Year 2013-14 (₹ in crore) |
|---------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Military Schools | 3.05 | 5.18 | 6.25 |
| 2. | Sainik Schools | 68.48 | 65.44 | 64.21 |

Investigation into VVIP helicopter deal

†1403. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is carrying out investigations into the allegations of bribe in rupees 3600 crore deal for the purchase of VVIP helicopters from AgustaWestland;

(b) whether an investigation in the matter is already being carried out by the CBI;

(c) whether this deal has already been cancelled due to the above said reasons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is enquiring into the allegations of bribe and irregularities relating to the VVIP helicopters deal with M/s AgustaWestland International Limited (AWIL).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.