

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) to (e) Bulletproof jackets are scaled item. All Army personnel deployed in Counter Terrorism and Counter Insurgency Areas are provided with Bullet Proof Jackets as per policy.

**Increasing the number of NCC units in the country**

57. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present number of units of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of NCC units in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fresh steps taken by Government to expand the Corps' presence in naxal affected areas as well as coastal and border areas and simultaneously encourage youth of such areas to join the mainstream as NCC cadets?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) Presently, there are 800 National Cadet Corps Units in the country.

(b) National Cadet Corps is currently in the process of raising 5 Group Headquarters and 61 NCC units in five phases. Under the 1st and 2nd phases of implementation, 2 Group Headquarters and 24 NCC units have already been raised.

(c) The following are priority areas for raising of new units in the 3rd, 4th and 5th phases of the NCC expansion plan:

- (i) Coastal areas in the west.
- (ii) Areas affected by Left Wing extremism and insurgency.
- (iii) Areas bordering Pakistan and China.

This would help in extending NCC coverage in the above mentioned areas and encourage youth of such areas to join the mainstream as NCC cadets.

**Chinese submarine along Indian Coastline**

†58. MIR MOHAMMAD FAYAZ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether China had sent a submarine to Pakistan through Indian coastline in June, 2015;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the main reason therefor; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.