

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

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop such misadventure in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) The submarine which went to Pakistan has been deployed by China in the Gulf of Aden since April 2015. The units undertook replenishment at Karachi in May and July 2015, by transit through International Waters.

(b) and (c) Government keeps a constant watch on all developments concerning our national security and commercial interests and takes all necessary measures to safeguard them in accordance with the prevailing security and strategic considerations.

SC/ST persons employed in defence PSUs

59. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the PSUs under the administrative control of the Ministry;

(b) the details of SC/ST persons employed in various groups in these PSUs;

(c) the details of SC/ST Employees' Welfare Associations formed by SCs/STs working in these PSUs;

(d) the details of the facilities extended/provided by Government/DPSUs for the SCs/STs Welfare Association *viz.* Office Accommodation, etc.; and

(e) the ways and means in which DPSUs/Government involves SC/ST Welfare Association in the administrative activities/developmental activities/management of these PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) The Defence Public Sector Undertakings under the control of Ministry of Defence are as follows :—

1. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL)
2. Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL)
3. BEML Ltd.
4. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL)
5. Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL)
6. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd. (GRSE)
7. Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL)
8. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited. (MDL)
9. Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd. (MIDHANI)