

Number of ceasefire violations

Year	Along the line of Control in the State of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) under operational control of Army
2017	860
2018	351

Terrorists and their handlers have resorted to the strategy of perpetration of violent acts to spread terror and bring about a sense of lawlessness in the State. The Security Forces are alive to these challenges and are tackling them in an effective manner. Besides, synergized intelligence based people friendly operations and goodwill measures and youth engagement programmes have resulted in motivating misguided youth to shun violence and join the mainstream.

Modernisation of Ordnance Factories

983. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any modernisation of the six Ordnance Factories located in the State of Tamil Nadu recently;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) details of amount spent on modernisation of the Ordnance Factories located in the State of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) and (b) To keep pace with contemporary manufacturing technologies, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has undertaken modernisation of Ordnance Factories including the six factories located in the State of Tamil Nadu. In addition to modernisation of Plant and Machinery, capacity augmentation programme is also under way in three factories namely Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, Engine Factory Avadi and Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Trichy.

(c) Details of factory-wise expenditure incurred in the year 2016-17 on modernisation of the six Ordnance Factories located in the State of Tamil Nadu are as follows:—

(₹ in crore)

Factory	Investment on Plant & Machinery and Civil Works on capacity creation & augmentation	Expenditure on renewal & replacement of Plant & Machinery
1. Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi	554.00	24.59
2. Engine Factory, Avadi	234.00	5.30
3. Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Trichy	35.19	12.19
4. Ordnance Factory, Trichy	-	6.65
5. Ordnance Clothing Factory, Avadi	-	1.22
6. Cordite Factory, Aruvankadu	-	2.93

Establishment of Sainik/Rashtriya Military Schools

984. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scheme to establish Sainik Schools and Rashtriya Military Schools in the country including the aims and objectives thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to establish Sainik Schools in all the States and provide certain percentage of Defence budget for this purpose, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of proposals for establishment of Sainik Schools from various States, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) Sainik Schools were introduced in 1961 with the primary aim of preparing boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy. The objectives behind opening of Sainik Schools are:—

(i) To remove regional imbalance in the officer cadre of the Defence Services.