

(c) whether Government has any plan to expand NCC activities to cover at least all Government controlled and aided schools and colleges; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to make NCC compulsory for the students of schools and colleges and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details of National Cadet Corps (NCC) in the country is as below:—

Institutions	Government	Private	Total
Schools	9340	3205	12545
Colleges	3906	923	4829
TOTAL	13246	4128	17374

There has been a significant increase in the spectrum of activities undertaken by NCC especially in the field of social service and community development. NCC is actively participating in Swachhta Abhiyan, AIDS Awareness, Digital Literacy, Immunization, Tree Plantation, Anti-Drug Campaign, Water Conservation measures, etc.

(c) and (d) The expansion of NCC has been planned from 13 lakh to 15 lakh cadets in a phased manner from 2014-15 to 2020-21 period. Full NCC coverage of all the Government schools and colleges will require substantial commitment in terms of manpower, finance, infrastructure, etc. There is therefore no proposal to make NCC compulsory for the students of schools and colleges in the country.

Subsidised houses to serving and retired army personnel

765. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide houses at concessional prices to serving and retired army personnel and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to provide houses to the serving and retired army personnel who belong to Punjab and Haryana and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal to provide houses at concessional prices to serving and retired Army personnel.

(b) Does not arise.