

Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Hindustan Shipyards Limited, Visakhapatnam, Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited; and

- (b) if so, the reasons for such a decision for strategic sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

#### **Attracting youth to the army**

953. SHRI K.R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Army is considering to induct more youth in the armed forces including youth from State of Jammu and Kashmir;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;

- (c) whether it is also a fact that army is considering to expand the recruitment camps across the country; and

- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) Recruitment in the Army is done regularly through Army Recruiting Offices (AROs) spread across the country including the state of Jammu and Kashmir. Recruitment from each district of the country is done at least once in the Recruiting Year (April to March).

To attract youth to join Army, Government has undertaken sustained campaign to create awareness among the youth on the advantages of taking up a challenging and satisfying career. Awareness campaigns, participation in career-fairs and exhibitions, advertisements in print and electronic media, motivational lectures in schools, colleges are some of the measures in this direction.

#### **Proposal to set up military recruitment centres in Gujarat**

†954. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to establish military recruitment centre in the districts of Gujarat, so that the process of induction in military can become convenient for the youth of nearby districts;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.