

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2768**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

**STATUS OF FEMALES IN ARMED FORCES AND SAINIK SCHOOLS**

2768. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Sainik Schools and its enrolment strength, State-wise;
- (b) the details of status of induction of girls into the NDA and number of women officers under different arms of the country's defence forces;
- (c) whether Government will consider increasing the intake of women cadets in defence academy from the current year;
- (d) the number of Sainik Schools which have already started admitting girls and status of experimental trials of girls intake;
- (e) the total number of vacancies which will be accessible to girls for admission in Sainik Schools; and
- (f) the number of reserved seats for SC, ST, OBC and EWS in Sainik Schools and the status thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): There are total 33 Sainik Schools in India. State-wise enrolment strength of all Sainik Schools is placed at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): 116891 girl candidates have appeared for NDA 2022(I) written examination in November 2021 and also the selection process for induction in July 2022 Batch is in progress. The number of Women Officers serving in Defence Forces is 10,493 including 4734 Military Nursing Services Officers. Induction/Recruitment of personnel depends on the manpower requirements and role fulfillment in the Defence Forces.

(d): All 33 Sainik Schools have started admitting girls w.e.f academic session 2021-22. Admission of girls cadets was first started on pilot basis in Sainik School Chhingchhip during the Academic Year 2018-19 as per the policy promulgated by Sainik Schools Society. After the success of pilot project all Sainik Schools are now open for admission of girls upto 10% of vacancies in Class VI or 10 girls, whichever is higher. For 2021-22, 320 girl students were admitted to Class VI in 33 Sainik Schools.

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(e): For the Academic session 2022-23, total 335 vacancies are accessible for Girl candidates in 33 Sainik Schools.

(f): The details of reserved seats of all Sainik Schools at the time of admission in class VI and Class IX for the year 2021-22 are placed below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Seats Reserved</b>	<b>Actual Strength</b>
SC	450	435
ST	240	393
OBC	815	1100
EWS	Not applicable to Sainik Schools as the admission starts from Class VI onwards	

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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S. No.	Name of State	No. of Sainik School(s)	Enrolment Strength
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	1184
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1	244
3	Assam	1	637
4	Bihar	2	948
5	Chhattisgarh	1	632
6	Gujarat	1	575
7	Haryana	2	1163
8	HP	1	525
9	Jharkhand	1	843
10	Karnataka	2	1274
11	Kerala	1	603
12	Madhya Pradesh	1	537
13	Maharashtra	2	1055
14	Manipur	1	579
15	Mizoram	1	303
16	Nagaland	1	655
17	Odisha	2	803
18	Punjab	1	599
19	Rajasthan	2	1030
20	Tamil Nadu	1	655
21	UT of J&K	1	480
22	Uttar Pradesh	3	709
23	Uttarakhand	1	532
24	West Bengal	1	569
<b>Total</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>17134</b>

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