

Allotment of NCC Units to Sainik Schools of Maharashtra

4410. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government has been requested by the State Government of Maharashtra for the allotment of NCC Units to 16 Sainik Schools of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and steps taken for providing NCC Units to the 16 Sainik Schools of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir. The only Sainik School in the State of Maharashtra, at Satara run by Sainik School Society, Ministry of Defence, is already under NCC cover.

(b) Question does not arise.

Implementation of Road Communication Projects by BRTF in North East

4411. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise deployment position of Border Roads Task Force in the North East States;

(b) the rate of success of Border Roads Task Force in implementing the road communication projects;

(c) whether Government propose to further strengthen the BRTF for speedy implementation and improvement of road communication programme in the North East Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) BRTFs are not deployed State-wise. Their deployment is made as per availability of work in each area. However, the number of BRTF deployed at present in NE States is given in the statement inclosed, (see below)

(b) All road projects are successfully implemented by BRTF as per targets and availability of funds.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to increase the number of BRTF. The present strength is more than needed for the General Staff road works. The spare capacity is being used for doing the Agency works. BRO's endeavour is to enhance the output of organization with the existing manpower, with the help of greater mechanization and use of upgraded construction equipments.

Statement

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Name of State	Number of BRTF working
Assam	3
Arunachal Pradesh	5
Manipur	1
Mizoram	2
Nagaland	1
Tripura	1

Unwarranted Interference Hindering AJT Deal

4412. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a statement attributed to him in the Hindustan times dated 20th February, 2002 captioned "Interference delaying AJT".

(b) if so, whether the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer is actually being delayed due to unwarranted interference from certain quarters;

(c) if so, what is the nature of source of such unwarranted interference; and

(d) when Government proposed to finalise the purchase of Advanced Jet Trainer?