

**Opening of Sainik Schools**

5868. Shri P. R. Thakur:  
Shri A. K. Kisku:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for setting up a Sainik School in any particular region;

(b) whether there are any governing principles or basic considerations for taking a decision to establish such an Institution in a particular region or locality; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence (Shri B. E. Bhagat):

(a) The procedure for setting up a Sainik School is as follows:—

(i) The concerned State Government should approach the Sainik Schools Society with an offer to meet the capital expenditure on land, buildings and equipment and to institute scholarships for the boys gaining admission. They may choose any site where temporary accommodation is immediately available for starting the school pending construction of permanent buildings.

(ii) The Board of Governors of the Sainik Schools Society (consisting of the Defence Minister, Chief Education Ministers of participating States and high officials) then consider and decide whether the offer should be accepted.

(b) and (c). The general policy is to have one Sainik School in each State. There is however no bar to a State coming forward to start a second Sainik School if it has the resources. The Board of Governors would consider such a proposal in the light of the intake into the National Defence Academy to which Sainik Schools act as feeder institutions.

**Request from Nepal for assistance for Mining Project**

5870. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by Nepal for assistance for its mining projects left over by China as economically impracticable after a recent survey,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

The Minister of External Affairs (Shri M. C. Chagla): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

**Military Personnel killed in Truck Accident near Rudraprayag**

5871. Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:  
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:  
Shri Y. S. Kumbhkar:  
Shri Prakash Vkr Shastri:  
Shri Ram Avtar Sharma:  
Shri Shiv Kumar Shastri:  
Shri Atam Das:  
Dr. Suresh Prakash Pari:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether 16 military personnel were killed when their vehicle rolled down a khud near Rudraprayag on the Kotdwara-Joshimath road on the 28th June, 1967;

(b) if so, the details of the incident and inquiry, if any, made into the incident; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Swaran Singh): (a) A military vehicle met with an accident on Rishikesh-Joshimath road at mile 97 on 27-6-1967; Army personnel killed numbered 10, including 1 JCO and 9 Other Ranks.

(b) and (c). The details of inquiry are awaited from Army authorities.