

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4745
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th March, 2025

RASHTRIYA MILITARY SCHOOL

4745. SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the lateral entry of girl cadets in Class XI of Rashtriya Military Schools has been successfully implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the infrastructure changes made to accommodate girl cadets in Rashtriya Military Schools;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any measures in place to monitor/evaluate the progress and integration of girl cadets in Rashtriya Military Schools; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) & (b): Admission in Rashtriya Military Schools (RMSs) is done in class VI and IX only. Entry of girl cadets started in class VI from academic session 2022-23 and lateral entry of girl cadets in class IX commenced from academic session 2023-24. 10% of total school capacity is reserved for girl cadets.
- (c): Post induction of girl cadets in RMSs, requisite infrastructure catering to the requirement of girl cadets (gender specific requirements) like separate hostels with all essential items, washrooms and changing rooms including all other facilities have been created. Additional classroom, facilities, recruitment of female staff as hostel wardens, attendants, matrons and female physical training instructors have also been undertaken.
- (d) & (e): Since the induction of girl cadets at RMSs, all necessary steps and efforts have been made for their integration into these premium institutes. The girl cadets are motivated and are adjusted to the Military School environment in physical, academic and training activities alongwith their male counterparts. They are participating in all the sports and co-curricular activities alongwith field games and in various hobby clubs that promote all round development of girl cadets. Regular health check ups, gender sensitisation classes and mentoring by female teachers and officers have also been institutionalised. The progress of this integration is being monitored at both local and Headquarters level.
