

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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OPENING UP OF ORPHANAGES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has any proposal to open orphanages for victims of terrorism living in insurgency affected regions of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the places where such orphanages are proposed to be opened, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Army is running an orphanage named 'Muskan' for the children who have been victims of terrorism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Currently, 53 boys and 11 girls are being brought up in this orphanage. The Army is also providing assistance to the civil administration of Jammu and Kashmir in running some orphanages. Funds to the tune of Rs. 75 lakhs have been earmarked in the current financial year for undertaking construction of a building at the Government Girls Orphanage at Baramulla.