

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAISING OF ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS OF TERRITORIAL ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to raise additional battalions of Territorial Army and National Cadet Corps (NCC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated additional expenditure to be incurred by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The raising of additional Battalions of Territorial Army (TA) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a dynamic and continuous process based on operational requirements for TA and demands of educational institutions for the NCC. The expenditure for raising each unit depends upon the type of unit to be raised, its manpower strength and the type of equipment proposed.

The Government, vide its order dated 30.9.2005, has approved raising of additional four Infantry Battalions of TA (Home & Hearth) within six months, at an estimated expenditure of Rs. 143.35 crore (initial cost plus recurring cost) in the first year and Rs. 68.57 crore (recurring cost) from the second year onwards, in embodied state, as per following details:-

Jammu & Kashmir : 1 Battalion

Nagaland : 1 Battalion

Manipur : 1 Battalion

Assam & Tripura : 1 Battalion