

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3182
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
EXPANSION OF TRAINING FACILITIES AT HMI
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling celebrated its Golden Jubilee recently;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the celebrations;
- (c) the number of persons trained by HMI so far;
- (d) the number of foreign trainees, country-wise;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to expand the training facilities at HMI so as to train a larger number of individuals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3182 FOR ANSWER ON 14.12.2006

Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling founded in the year 1954 celebrated its Golden Jubilee from October 14-17, 2006. A number of activities such as Special Adventure Course, Open Sports Climbing competition, Adventure Film Festival, a Marathon Race, a Fun Race for the public of Darjeeling, a Himalayan Photo Exhibition, release of special Journal and Souvenir were organized as part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations. It was also resolved to launch Cleaning Expeditions and efforts to maintain the delicate Himalayan Ecology. So far, approximately, 25,343 persons, including 1051 foreigners have been trained by Himalayan Mountaineering Institute. Review and improvement of training facilities at HMI is a continuous process which is carried out on need basis. The details of foreigners trained by the institute country wise are as under:-

Name of Country	No. of foreigners trained
Australia	88
Bangladesh	21
Belgium	06
Bhutan	127
Burma	04
Canada	03
China	01
Denmark	03
Dubai	16
Germany	03
Indonesia-	01
Ireland	07
Israel	01
Kuwait	02
Libya	01
Malaysia	02
Malawi	01
Nepal	700
New Zealand	16
Norway	01
Pakistan	06
Sri Lanka	04
Switzerland	03
Tanzania	01

Thailand	06
U.A.E.	01
U.K.	06
U.S.A.	15
Zambia	03
Zimbabwe-	02
Total	1051