

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1261
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REDUCTION IN ANNUAL TUITION AND BOARDING FEES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) The annual tuition fees and boarding fees at Sainik School in Satara District of Maharashtra ;
- (b) Whether many eligible students are not able to join this school due to high tuition and boarding fees ;
- (c) If so, whether a request to reduce the fees has been received from parents and other sections of the society; and
- (d) If so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

Answer

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

- (a) The annual tuition fees and boarding fees in Sainik School Satara are Rs.37,203/- and Rs.20,575/- respectively for the current academic session 2006-2007.
- (b) No such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government.
- (c)&(d) : Yes, Sir. Requests for reduction in fees and providing financial assistance to the cadets of Sainik Schools have been received. With a view to reduce the financial burden on parents, the Government has introduced a scheme to subsidise tuition fee and dietary charges of the cadets to an extent of Rs.9500/- per cadet per year. In addition to this, the annual hike in tuition fee has now been linked to the inflation index instead of a fixed 10% annual increase with effect from the academic session 2006-2007. The State Governments have also been requested to suitably enhance the scholarship entitled to the cadets.