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Title: Need to open a Sainik School in Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMARAJANAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding sanction of "Sainik School" at Chamarajanagar District (Karnataka State) of my Constituency. Chamarajanagar District of my Constituency covers 2,791 sq.kms. reserved and protected Forest Area, out of total area of 5,101 sq. kms. and having considerable hilly areas, BRT Tiger Project, Bandipur Tiger Project, Cauvery Wild Life Division, Kollegal and Kollegal Wild Life Division.

Chamarajanagar District is one of the most backward Districts in Karnataka State according to Dr. Nanjundappa Committee Report on redressal of "Regional Imbalance" and ranked 25th in the State Human Development Index. There are 4 Taluks, 16 Hoblies, 446 Habitated Villages, 66 Non-habitated Villages, 461 Revenue Villages and 120 Grama Panchayats. Population as per 2001 Census is 9.65 lakhs. SC/ST Category in this District is 35.6%. Karnataka State has already two Sainik Schools functioning at Bijapur and Coorg Districts. The opening of one more Sainik School in Chamarajanagar District would help the Children of backward rural areas to get better education facilities at their doorstep. The opening of Sainik School in Chamarajanagar District would meet the demands of Defence in serving the Nation. In view of the above reasons, I would earnestly appeal to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Defence to take necessary steps to sanction and open "Sainik School" in Chamarajanagar District (Karnataka State) for the benefit of rural children at the earliest.