

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1127
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2002
EZHIMALA NAVAL ACADEMY
T. GOVINDAN

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have made any study on the progress of Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala or monitoring the work of the project so far;
- (b) if so, the present position thereof;
- (c) whether he has made visits to the project site in the past; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to speed up the work in the nation's interest?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The construction work has commenced in February 2001 and is expected to be completed in 2004.
- (c) Yes, Sir. On 25th February 2001 and 8th December 2001.
- (d) The original time schedule for completion of the project has already been compressed from the year 2006 to the year 2004. The Project Management Board meeting will now be held every month instead of every quarter to review the progress.