

Acquiring of Private Lands in Port Blair

4064. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in Port Blair city in Andaman and Nicobar islands, private lands have been acquired by Government for public use ;

(b) if so, total area acquired and from whom acquired ;

(c) whether the acquired land was utilised for public purposes or allotment to private institution/individuals ; if so, reasons thereof ; and

(d) whether the land owners were paid due compensation if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment of Navionics Laboratory

4065. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to establish a Navionics laboratory ;

(b) if so, whether it will be established in Kerala ; and

(c) what will be the cost of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise,

(c) Does not arise.

Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala

4066. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in the construction of Ezhimala Naval Academy in Kerala ;

(b) the total cost of the project ; and

(c) the time by which the academy will start functioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) Approximately 2500 acres of land has been acquired and construction of boundary wall is in progress.

(b) Approximately Rs. 100 crores.

(c) The Academy is expected to start functioning in about six years from the date of commencement of civil works.

Casual Workers in Cochin Naval Base

4067. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) how many casual workers are in Cochin Naval Base ; and

(b) steps/proposed to be taken to make them permanent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) 540.

(b) A proposal for creation of a fairly large number of civilian posts on a regular basis has been taken up. However, it could not be finalised because of the current ban on creation of posts.