

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOR EZHIMALA NAVAL ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had asked the Government of Kerala to provide infrastructure facilities expeditiously for the Ezhimala Naval Academy scheduled to be commissioned in 2004;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Kerala had failed to honour its agreement with regard to the said project; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Kerala was to provide 979 Hectares (2500 acres approximate) of land at Ezhimala to establish the Naval Academy, provide sufficient supply of potable water and water for construction work during the functional phase; approach road for Payangadi Railway Station and 05 peripheral roads and a National Highway, standard Southern Approach Road; and augmentation of Payannur Railway Station.

(c) & (d): The work is in progress and the State Government is providing facilities as committed. The Project Management Authority (PMA) has regular Coordination Committee Meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala to review the progress of the infrastructure works.