

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3178
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RECOGNITION OF KILA
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plan to declare Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) as a national centre of excellence in Panchayati Raj and strengthen its capacities and potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the present status of this pioneer institution in the country alongwith the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to get the recognition and promotional aid from international agencies including UN?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR):

(a) to (d) Panchayati Raj recognizes the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) as a premier institute of research and training but has not received any proposal for declaring the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) a National Center of Excellence in Panchayati Raj or for strengthening its capacities and potential. However, an amount of Rs. 84.00 lakhs has been released as Central Assistance to KILA for conducting training for elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the State and other Rural Development functionaries in two instalments during 2003-04 and 2004-05.