

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MILITARY CANTEENS
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of military canteens functioning in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a military canteen in Kerala;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the ECHS polyclinics at Kottarakkara and Mavelikara in Kerala are functioning properly; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) There are 3751 Unit Run Canteens (URCs) functioning in the country. The details of the State wise / UT wise URCs are given at annexure 'A'.
- (b) & (c): Already 31 canteens are functioning in Kerala. At present there is no proposal to open a new URC in Kerala.
- (d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Both the ECHS Polyclinics are functioning properly under Regional Centre Trivandrum. However, availability of medicines continues to remain a major cause of concern in Polyclinics for which Officer-in-Charge, ECHS is also authorized to purchase life saving / emergent medicines locally if the same are not available with the Polyclinic.