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Title: Need to clean the wells and ponds near Ezhimal Naval Academy in Kerala.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to raise the issue regarding Ezhimal Naval Academy, Kannur, in the State of Kerala.

Sir, it is clear that Ezhimal Naval Academy is a prestigious national defence Academy. The Government of Kerala is giving all assistance, and the people of that area have given their land for the construction of this Academy. When it was built, the number of employees was only 800, which has now increased to 5,000.

A wastage treatment plant was constructed nearby this Academy. People are not aware of the danger it posed. The Pollution Control Board has examined it and the Environmental Studies have found E. coli bacteria in the wells and ponds nearby this Academy, which is known for causing kidney failure.

We are fully supporting this Naval Academy, but at the same time, the health of the people has to be taken care of. Therefore, the Government should see to it that this wastage treatment plant is shifted from this place to some other place. There are thousands of acres of land there, which are very essential for people. A struggle is already going on there. I met the Defence Minister in this regard. I would request the Government to take up this issue very seriously.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Kanwar Singh Tanwar – Not present.