

Regarding establishment of Ex-servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinic and Indian Naval Canteen Service (INCS) outlet at Ambernath in Kalyan Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra-Laid

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to a significant and long-pending demand of thousands of ex-servicemen residing in Ambernath, Badlapur, Ulhasnagar, and Kalyan in my Parliamentary Constituency, Kalyan. After proudly serving the nation, these ex-servicemen continue to contribute actively in the field of social service. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they actively assisted the local administration, from the immunization program to the distribution of food and essential items to the needy. Furthermore, they regularly conduct cleanliness drives under campaigns like 'Swachh Ambernath' and also provide guidance to the youth for their future. These national heroes have a long-standing demand for the establishment of an Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinic for their health-related issues and an Indian Naval Canteen Service (INCS) outlet for daily use items in Ambernath. In their advancing age, they have to travel long distances to Colaba, Mumbai via crowded local trains to avail these facilities, which is not only extremely arduous and physically taxing but also involves considerable time and expense. Therefore, I urge the Hon'ble Minister of Defence to consider the immense contributions of these ex-servicemen, who are a valuable asset to our society. It is our solemn duty to ensure their well-being and fulfill their legitimate demand at the earliest by directing the concerned officials to establish an ECHS Polyclinic and an INCS Canteen in Ambernath.