

Regarding need for resuming [Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme \(ECHS\)](#) to defence veterans

CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES (SOUTH GOA): Thank you Madam Chairperson.

Today is Navy day. On this great auspicious day, 4th December, 1971, the Indian Navy launched a planned strategic attack on Pakistan that tilted in favour of India. On this auspicious day, on behalf of Members of 18th Lok Sabha, I extend warm greetings to serving officers and men of the Indian Navy, their families, veterans and their families and also a special salute to the martyrs and the surviving Members. I take this opportunity Madam Chairperson to say that there is a crisis as far as the veterans are concerned in the ECH facility, where the Government has stopped the the disbursement of money because of which empanelled hospitals have stoppped medical facilities for the veterans.

I appeal to you and there are a large number of Members of Parliament who have signed this letter through your office.

I will be appealing to the hon. Defence Minister to immediately release the funds.
Thank you, Madam.