

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3835
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KARGIL ANNIVERSARY
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided not to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Kargil Day; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Services are celebrating Vijay Diwas on 16th December every year to commemorate Indian Armed Forces Victory during 1971 Operations. As recommended by the services, it has been decided to celebrate only one Vijay Diwas on 16th December to pay homage to our martyrs. In view of this the Government have decided not to commemorate the fourth anniversary of the Kargil Day.