

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RECOGNITION TO VOCATIONAL HIGHER SECONDARY COURSE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vocational Higher Secondary Course prevalent in schools in Kerala equivalent to " Plus Two" is not being recognized by Army and other Defence services for jobs;
- (b) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for recognition for VHS Course and to consider eligible candidates who have passed this course for jobs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A request from State Government of Kerala for equivalence of +2 level vocational courses was examined by Association of Indian Universities(AIU). AIU have since issued orders equating +2 Year Vocational Higher Secondary (VHS) Certificate of Board of Vocational Higher Secondary Examinations, Kerala with +2 Year Senior Secondary / Higher Secondary / Pre-University / Intermediate. The Services have now been advised to consider this fact and review their instructions on recruitment.