

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to look into the proposal to include and extend the service of DANICS to inculcate the cadre of Lakshadweep administration

**SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P. (LAKSHADWEEP):** Thank you very much, hon. Speaker, Sir.

The issue, which I am going to raise is a very important issue as far as development of Lakshadweep is concerned. I need your shelter and advice on this issue because it is a peculiar issue, which may not be affecting other areas.

There is a service in Lakshadweep, which in 1995 was encadred to the DANICS (Delhi Andaman Nicobar Services) post. Earlier, Lakshadweep was not included in it, and in 1995 it got included in it. The peculiar problem that we face now is that most of the officers -- who come to Lakshadweep from the 13 encadred posts -- are freshers or entry cadre. So, they are directly coming to join the service in Lakshadweep.

Now, what is the problem? They find it difficult to understand the peculiar issues of Lakshadweep. Secondly, most of the officers do not want to come to Lakshadweep because it is a far-away place from their hometowns. Thirdly, the Director post, which is controlled by them, is very much locally-dependent and local people wanted to go and communicate their issues with these people, but they do not find it easy to understand their language. These three issues are hampering the development of Lakshadweep.

As you know, when you count Lakshadweep over a 12 months period, then obviously four months, as such, go because of monsoon. So, basically, we have six-eight months and in these six-eight months also, it becomes very difficult for these officers to understand the issues. To pin this particular issue, it was raised by me on several occasions in the Parliament Committees and in the recent Committee meeting, which I am a part of.

A proposal was also sent from the Lakshadweep Administration to encadre or extend the services of DANICS to the local people. Hon. Minister of State for Home Affairs is also sitting in the House, and I am happy to see him. The Administration has suggested to include or extend the services of DANICS to the local people. The problem presently being faced is that the growth of local officers -- who are educated and well-qualified -- is becoming stagnant at the level of Superintendent or Accountant. They do not have any possibility to grow further whereas in Delhi Administrative Subordinate Services (DASS) Cadre they have a high pay, and these local officers cannot reach up to that level because there is big pay disparity there also. So, to have a patch-up with the parity, the Lakshadweep Administration has proposed a final solution -- which can bring a solution for the local officers also -- to be encadred to the DANICS post.

We say that the son of the soil should also get proper opportunity. I wish that my people should also dream of joining the prestigious Indian Administrative Service so that Lakshadweep can be served in a better way. This is a peculiar scenario and the Lakshadweep administration has submitted a detailed proposal to the MHA. The MHA is taking it up in a slow manner by sending unnecessary and unwanted questions to the Lakshadweep administration, which is not expected

from the MHA. Hon. Minister may kindly look into the proposal of Lakshadweep administration in a serious way. This issue should be taken up seriously so that Lakshadweep can be developed in a big way. Thank you very much, Sir.

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