

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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INTER ISLAND TRAVEL IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Islanders of Southern Group of Islands in Andaman and Nicobar are facing lot of difficulties in inter-island services by ship;
- (b) whether the Government are proposing to purchase new ships for Andaman and Nicobar Islands to facilitate the passengers of Southern Groups of Islands;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir. However, at times, difficulties are faced by people of southern group of Islands due to non-availability of the inter-island vessels viz., m.v. Chowra and mv Sentinel due to machinery breakdown and Annual Passenger Survey.

(b)&(c) The following vessels are already proposed to be acquired for facilitating better passenger service in southern group of Islands :

| Sl.No. | Type of vessel |
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| 1. | Two 400 passenger vessels under construction, one each at M/s HDPEL (Kolkata) and M/s Alcock Ashdown (Gujarat) |
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| 2. | Four 100 passenger vessel under construction at M/s Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., (Vizag) |
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| 3. | Two 75 passenger cum 50 ton cargo vessel under construction at M/s Alcock Ashdown (Gujarat) |
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| 4. | One 50 passenger Motor Launch under construction at M/s Inland Marine works, Port Blair. |
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(d) Does not arise.