

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO BOATS IN A & N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cargo boats/ships with the A&N Administration which are in operation in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) the number of cargo/ships lying for want of repairs alongwith their names and the time since when they are kept idle;
- (c) the reasons therefor;
- (d) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on their repair; and
- (e) the time by which these boats/ships are likely to be repaired and put into operation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) The A&N Administration has five cargo boats/ships, of which two are in operation, at present.

(b) The details of cargo boats/ships lying for want of repairs etc. are furnished below:

S.No.	Name of vessel	Date from which	Remarks
	lying for repair		

1. MV Badam 01.01.2002 Repair work in progress
2. MV Mohwa 20.10.2001 Awaiting dry-dock for under water repair and statutory surveys.
3. MV Vanvikas 29.08.2001 Awaiting dry-dock for under water repair and statutory surveys.

(c) The delay in carrying out repairs is due to non-availability of dry-dock, spare parts and standard approved MS Plates, which are required to be procured from mainland, as also delays associated with statutory surveys.

(d) An expenditure of Rs.27.00 lakhs (approximately) is likely to be incurred on repair of these boats/ships.

(e) The time by which these boats/ships are likely to be repaired and put into operation are given below:

1. MV Badam : by 1.4.2002
2. MV Mohwa : 125 days after docking
3. MV Vanvikas : 30 days after docking