

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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ALL WEATHER PASSENGER SHIPS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of all weather passenger ships presently in service under the Lakshadweep Government;
- (b) the number of ships completed their normal life span and requires replacement;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to replace the old ships and the likely date of their replacement; and
- (d) the time by which the 700 passenger capacity ship now under construction in the Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam is likely to be pressed into service?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) There are two, all weather passenger ships presently in service under Lakshadweep Administration.
- (b) Both the ships have already completed their economic life and require replacement. They are being operated by carrying out annual repairs.
- (c) Steps have already been taken to replace these old ships. First replacement is likely to be available by January, 2006. The second vessel is likely to be replaced by two 250 Pax vessels one by March, 2006 and second by March, 2007.
- (d) The 700 passenger cum 160 MT cargo ship now under construction in Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam is likely to be pressed into service by Jan-2006.