

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3370
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DEGREE COLLEGE IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Degree Colleges in Lakshadweep;
- (b) the recommendations of study committee appointed by Ministry of Human Resource Development to establish Degree Colleges in Lakshadweep;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to establish Degree Colleges during next academic year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a): There is no Degree College in Lakshadweep.
- (b): The recommendations made by the Committee set up by the erstwhile Department of Education to advise on the proposal for opening up of a Degree College in Lakshadweep are indicated hereunder:
 - (i) There is a need for setting up of an institution at the graduate level with an intake of 100 in the Union Territory;
 - (ii) It need not be a conventional Degree College having BA/B.Sc;
 - (iii) The institution needs to be vocation oriented with main focus being on teachers training following by marine fisheries;
 - (iv) To assure quality in teaching and of teachers a new institution should be planned rather than upgrade one of the two existing institutions;
 - (v) To assure quality the Union Territory/College should have Memorandum of Understanding with Regional College of Engineering, Mysore for teacher education course and similarly for other courses; and
 - (vi) Part of the existing accommodation can be made available and the remaining requirements can follow.

(c)to(e): The proposal submitted by the Lakshadweep for opening up of a Degree College in Lakshadweep was found not to be in accordance with the aforesaid recommendations of the Committee, hence, could not be acceded to. The Lakshadweep Administration have been advised to submit a fresh proposal in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee.