

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF FISHING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there is any proposal with the Union Government to acquire a mother vessel for any State or Union Territory to aid the people in fishing activities:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the other alternatives being considered by the Government to promote fishing activity in Lakshadweep which has huge potential?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. A proposal for acquiring one Mother Vessel was received from Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep Fisheries Department. Standing Finance Committee (SFC) approval was also accorded for the same at a cost of Rs. 30 crore in June 2008. Only one tender at an escalated cost of Rs. 60.37 crore was received in response to the tender notice issued by the UT administration which has not been accepted.

(c) National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 74.50 lakhs during 2011-12 to the Administration of Union Territory of Lakshadweep, towards the acquisition of one 65 feet fishing boat with multi-gear technology.