

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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WATER SPORTS CENTRES IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of water sports centres in the Union Territories of Lakshadweep, Island-wise;
- (b) the number of people employed in these centres;
- (c) whether water sports centres in Kadmat are not functioning properly and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the UT Administration has been running these centres effectively to encourage tourism and generate revenue for the Islands;
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken for better management as well as making these sports centres profitable entities; and
- (f) the measures undertaken/proposed to be undertaken by the Government to ensure that UT Administration takes note of the shortcomings in running these water sports centres and take necessary steps to obviate/remove them at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) & (b): There are six water sports centres in the Union Territory (UT) of Lakshadweep. Island-wise details of people employed therein are as under :-

Sl. No.	Island	No. of people employed
1.	Kavaratti	21
2.	Kadmat	14
3.	Agatti	6
4.	Bangaram	2
5.	Minicoy	8
6.	Kalpeni	16

(c): The Lakshadweep UT Administration has informed that the water sports centre in Kadmat is functioning properly.

(d) & (e): The UT of Lakshadweep Administration has been running these water sports centres to encourage tourism and to generate revenue for the Islands.

(f): Development and promotion of tourism destinations & products as well as the operation and maintenance of various tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

It may however, be mentioned that the Lakshadweep Administration has not prioritized development of any water sports centre for Central Financial Assistance.