

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:698
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2013
INTER ISLAND CONNECTIVITY IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Territory of Lakshadweep has floated an expression of interest for inter-island connectivity through sea planes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Union Territory of Lakshadweep has intimated that they have submitted a proposal to Ministry of Tourism for operation of Sea Plane in Lakshadweep. The Union Territory Administration had floated Expression of Interest for wet lease of Amphibian Sea Plane for conducting feasibility study and for assessment of infrastructure requirement with the cost estimate for development. Two offers have been received by them in response to Expression of Interest and the same have been examined by the Department of Port Shipping & Aviation of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration. A request has been made to the Ministry of Civil Aviation by Lakshadweep Administration seeking advice/guidance for finalization of Expression of Interest to constitute a Committee for evaluation of Expression of Interest offers and to formulate further course of action for inviting commercial bids.