

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SEAPLANES FOR LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pawan Hans Helicopter Ltd. proposes to launch seaplane operations in Lakshadweep, similar to the ones operating in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) to (c) It is the responsibility of Lakshadweep Administration to launch Seaplane operations in Lakshadweep.

The Lakshadweep Administration had floated Expression of Interest(EOI) in December, 2012 for conducting feasibility study in all islands for operation of the seaplane and for wet lease of one Amphibian Seaplane. Pawan Hans has submitted its offer against the EOI.