

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2960  
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AUGMENTATION OF SHIP SERVICE  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to augment the ship service for the travel of the passengers from mainland to the Lakshadweep island;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the details therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING ( SHRI G. K. VASAN )

(a)to(c):Yes Madam, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) is augmenting the shipping services for passenger between mainland and islands of Lakshadweep by acquisition of two additional passenger-cum-250 Ton Cargo vessels. The construction of these vessels is being undertaken by Colombo Dockyard in Sri Lanka. The expected delivery for the first vessel is by March, 2014 and for the second vessel by July, 2014.