

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number and details of vessels plying currently to and from Lakshadweep islands:
- (b) whether the roster system of crew is not being maintained properly by the Lakshadweep Administration;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is also some discrepancy and anomaly in maintenance of ships by the Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited (LDCL);
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of the roster chart during the last three years and the current year ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

- (a) Currently 25 vessels are plying to and from Lakshadweep islands. These vessels include all weather vessels, fair weather vessels, high speed crafts, cargo barges, oil barge and bollard pull tugs.
- (b)&(c): The roster is maintained by Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited (LDCL) and is updated periodically. (d)&(e): No. Madam.
- (f) The roster is prepared .from technically qualified islanders after verification of their eligibility and are engaged for six months at a time. The engagement is strictly as per roster which has been computerized since April, 2012.