

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5660
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2015
ENTRY RESTRICTION TO VISIT LAKSHADWEEP ISLAND
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal regarding relaxation in entry restrictions to visit Lakshadweep Island;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of representations received in this regard and the reaction of the Government thereto during the last one year and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government has received a proposal from the Union Territory Administration of Lakshadweep for amendment of Section 3 (e) of "The Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands (Restrictions on Entry and Residence) Rules, 1967 to relax the restrictions on entry and stay in various islands of the Union territory. Further, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that based on some representations seeking relaxation of procedure for issue of entry permits to various categories of visitors to the Lakshadweep, the UT Administration has issued certain amendments in their guidelines. A memorandum against the relaxation of the entry restrictions has also been received for intervention of this Ministry.