

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:392
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2014
IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Lakshadweep Administration proposes to augment the fleet of ships and speed boats to improve the connectivity between various Islands;
- (b) if so, the existing number of ships and speed boats along with the number of them proposed to be added in the next two years;
- (c) the number of employees employed in the departments under the Lakshadweep Administration and the number of posts likely to be created in the next two years; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve connectivity between various Islands in Lakshadweep and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 392 FOR 05.08.2014

Yes, Madam. The existing number of ships and speed boats along with those proposed to be added in the next two years is annexed (Annexure-I). Two Hundred Eighty Six number of persons are employed under the Department of Port, Shipping & Aviation, U.T. of Lakshadweep.

There is a proposal to create 41 posts under the Port and Shipping sectors and 25 posts under the Civil Aviation sector in view of the increased work load and increase in the fleet strength over the years. The perspective Plan for the next 15 years (2015-2030) on the requirement for the development of port, shipping and civil aviation sectors in Lakshadweep is under preparation by the Lakshadweep Administration.