

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SHIPPING FOR LAKSHADWEEP ISLAND
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria considered for programming/scheduling of ships of Lakshadweep administration to various islands and inter-island along with the reasons for the consistent shortage of tickets;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal for constructing a dockyard in any of the islands of Lakshadweep and for acquisition of new/high speed ships; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

- (a) A Transport Committee with representatives from the public including Member of Parliament of Lakshadweep, advises the Lakshadweep Administration in formulating programme regarding scheduling of ships. The demand of islands including those arising during festivals, school holidays etc are taken into consideration while fixing the shipping schedule.
- (b) There is no proposal for constructing dockyard in Lakshadweep islands. However, there is a proposal for acquisition of two High Speed Crafts of 400 passengers each.
- (c) Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) who are the Technical Consultant for this project have invited Expression of Interest (EOI) on behalf of Lakshadweep Administration from interested shipyards for construction and delivery of two High Speed Crafts of 400 passenger capacity each. In response to the EOI, 14 shipyards participated of which 4 shipyards technically qualified. The offers are under evaluation and SCI has also invited the qualified shipyards to make the technical presentation on their offers.