

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5272  
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TAKEOVER OF SHIP  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to takeover the 400 passenger vessel being built at Colombo Dockyard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it would be ready for operation ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): Two 400 Passenger cum 250 ton Cargo ships are under construction at Colombo Dockyard PLC, Sri Lanka. The shipyard has proposed to deliver the first ship M.V. Corals, on 19th August, 2014. However, Lakshadweep Administration would take over the ship only on confirmation of completion of all contractual obligations and on issuance of all certificates by the Class and Statutory Authority. As per the present schedule of delivery proposed by the shipyard, it is expected that the ship, M.V. Corals, can be put for passenger operation by the last week of August, 2014.

As regard the second ship, M.V. Lagoons, it is expected to be delivered by end October, 2014. The Lakshadweep Administration will put the ship into operation immediately on delivery.