

Title: Need to expedite the establishment of the proposed Desalination Plants in islands of Lakshadweep.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the Desalination Plant which was built in the year 2005 in Kavaratti Island. It is the first of its kind in India. It can generate one lakh litres of potable water for drinking and other household purposes. The work was completed within 8 months. There is a proposal to construct six desalination plants in six islands. Initially these six projects were to be completed in March 2009. But the projects have been inordinately delayed.

I, therefore, request and urge the Government to intervene in the matter immediately by issuing fresh time limit to ensure that these desalination plants are built so that the people in these areas could get potable water for their usage. Government should ensure to stick to the stipulated time period for their completion.