

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *235
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024

SHIP SERVICE TO LAKSHADWEEP

*235. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger ships conducting service to Lakshadweep during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the number of services discontinued during the past three years, year-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has any plans to begin new shipping services to Lakshadweep?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA
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M.P. REGARDING "SHIP SERVICE TO LAKSHADWEEP"**

(a)The number of passenger ships conducting service to Lakshadweep during the last three years is tabulated as under:-

Sl. No.	Passenger Ships	2022	2023	2024
1.	All Weather Passenger Ships	5	5	5
2.	Fair Weather Passenger Ships	2	0	0
3.	High Speed Crafts	8	6	6
Total		15	11	11

(b)The number of services discontinued during 2022 is tabulated as under. For the years 2023 and 2024 there was no services discontinued.

Sl. No.	Passenger Ships	2022
1.	All Weather Passenger Ships	0
2.	Fair Weather Passenger Ships	2
3.	High Speed Crafts	2
Total		4

(c) The Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) has entered into a quadripartite agreement with Cochin Port Authority (CoPA), Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited (LDCL) for enhancing the shipping operations and port infrastructure in the islands on 22.02.2023. As per this agreement, CoPA is the Nodal Authority for shipping operations in UT of Lakshadweep. The shipping operations, including the requirement of different categories of ships/ vessels, are decided based on the detailed studies.
