

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2973

TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018

SEAPLANES

2973. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:  
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government is considering to buy and promote seaplanes as India plans to interlink its rivers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to introduce seaplane services from all the compatible rivers of the country including Himachal Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard, river-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(d):Madam, currently there is no proposal for buying of seaplanes by government to introduce seaplane services in India. However, private operators can operate seaplane services as per the policy and regulatory framework for operation of seaplanes. The government provides financial assistance upto Rs. 10 crore for construction of platforms/jetties for sea-planes by ports/State Governments under Coastal Berth Scheme of Sagarmala Programme. The operation of seaplane service on any route including rivers in Himachal Pradesh would have to be decided by the operating company on commercial considerations.

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