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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1546
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th JULY, 2025

Challenges Faced by Fishermen of Androth Island

1546. Shri Muhammed Hamdullah Sayeed:

Will the Minister of **FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the challenges faced by the fishermen of Androth Island in UT of Lakshadweep due to the demolition of the marine workshop in 2022, lack of repair facilities and financial burdens arising from travelling to other islands or the mainland for repairs;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to restore the marine workshop with modern repair facilities to support local fishermen;
- (c) whether the Government is considering reallocating the first floor of the fish market for its intended use of storing fishing tools, instead of its current use as a fisheries office;
- (d) whether a substitute Officer-in-Charge (OIC) for the Fisheries Department in Androth will be appointed to ensure smooth operations and address fishermen's grievances; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to prevent illegal fishing in Lakshadweep's territorial waters and to conduct necessary dredging to alleviate congestion in the boat mooring area?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING

(SHRI GEORGE KURIAN)

(a) and (b): The Administration of the U.T. Lakshadweep has informed that the marine workshop at Androth was demolished in 2022 for setting up the Indian Oil Corporation depot and that a suitable building near the Fish Market has been allotted to establish Marine Workshop at Androth Island by the U.T. Administration.

(c): The Lakshadweep Administration has informed that the Fisheries Unit at Androth island is already functioning on the first floor of the newly constructed Fish Market building, which has been suitably modified to function as an office. For the use of fishermen, a big hall is available on the first floor of the Fish Market. The Fisheries Unit is functioning in a separate room without disturbance to the fishermen

(d): The Lakshadweep Administration has informed that an officer has already been posted as Officer in Charge for ensuring smooth operations of the Fisheries Unit, Androth.

(e): The Lakshadweep Administration has reported that the Lakshadweep Marine Fishing Regulation (LMFR) is being implemented to regulate and control fishing activities and to prevent illegal fishing in Lakshadweep waters. Further it has been informed that necessary action has already been taken by Lakshadweep Administration to attend dredging work.
