GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2156
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

CONSTRUCTION OF EMBARKATION JETTIES

2156. SHRI MUHAMMED HAMDULLAH SAYEED:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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(a)   whether the Government has received any proposal for the construction of embarkation jetties on the eastern side of Chetlat and Kiltan islands in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;

(b)   if so, the details of the proposal and the current status of its consideration or approval;

(c)   whether the absence of such jetties is causing difficulties and safety concerns during the embarkation and dis-embarkation of passengers from ships, especially during adverse weather conditions, if so, the details thereof;

(d)   whether the Government proposes to take immediate steps to sanction and construct these jetties to ensure safe and reliable maritime connectivity for the residents of these islands; and

(e)   if so, the expected timeline for commencement and completion of the project?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b)   Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) submitted Detailed Project Report (DPR) for construction of jetties on eastern & western side of the islands of Kiltan & Chetlat vide their letter dated 29.06.2024 to Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW). MoPSW advised UTLA to conduct certain studies before these projects could be taken up. Based on the request received from UTLA, an amount of Rs.13.99 Crore was sanctioned under Sagarmala Scheme on 17.09.2024 to conduct these studies.

(c)   UTLA has informed that the existing jetties in these islands are quite old and designed to handle small boats. Hence, passengers/ cargo arriving on large ships/ vessels are transported to the islands through smaller boats, which is of concern when sea condition is rough.

(d) & (e)   Question does not arise in view of answer to part (a) & (b) above.

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