

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1043
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2025

MAINTENANCE OF WESTERN EMBARKATION JETTIES IN LAKSHADWEEP

1043. SHRI MUHAMMED HAMDULLAH SAYEED:

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

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the poor condition and lack of proper maintenance of western embarkation jetties in several islands of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details of the islands where such jetties are in need of urgent repair, maintenance, or reconstruction to ensure the safety of passengers and cargo movement;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated or proposed any plan for the modernization and development of western embarkation jetties in all inhabited islands of Lakshadweep;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposed projects, including estimated costs, implementation agencies, and timelines; and
- (e) whether adequate funds have been allocated for the regular maintenance and safety upgradation of these jetties, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) has informed that western side embarkation jetties in all islands of Lakshadweep are currently in fully operational condition. Routine annual maintenance work of western side jetties in all islands are carried out by Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW) with the funds provided by UTLA from time to time.

(c) Yes.

(d) Three projects viz. (i) Development of western side port facilities at Kalpeni at a cost of Rs. 168.60 crore, (ii) Development of port facilities on western side of Kadmat island at a cost of Rs. 141.85 crore and (iii) Development of port facilities at Kiltan island at a cost of Rs. 351.87 crore have been proposed by UTLA. Cochin Port Authority (CoPA) is the implementing agency for these projects and around 36 months will be required for completion of each project after

getting all required clearance and completing the tender formalities. Further, preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the development of port facilities at Chetlat island and western side of Kavaratti, Agatti and Minicoy are underway.

(e) Funds allocated to ALHW for maintenance and safety upgradation of jetties by UTLA during the last three year is as under:-

Sl. No.	Funds allocated	Amount (Rs. in Crore)
i.	2023-24	Rs. 7.313
ii.	2024-25	Rs. 3.738
ii.	2025-26 (upto 03.11.2025)	Rs. 5.775
