

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2185**  
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2025

**MAINTENANCE WORK OF PASSENGER AND CARGO SHIPS**

2185. SHRI MUHAMMED HAMDULLAH SAYEED:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the repair and maintenance works of passenger and cargo ships belonging to the Union Territory of Lakshadweep are facing inordinate delays at Cochin Shipyard Limited;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such delays along with the steps being taken to expedite the completion of repair works;
- (c) whether the delay in ship repairs has adversely affected passenger transportation and cargo movement between the islands and the mainland; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to ensure uninterrupted and safe transport facilities for the islanders?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) During the past one year, Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has undertaken repairs of 17 vessels of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA), including dry-dock and lay-up repairs, and all vessels were delivered within the agreed timelines. CSL has coordinated with Lakshadweep Development Corporation Ltd (LDCL) to ensure that when a passenger or cargo vessel is taken for repair, another vessel of the same class remains operational. This approach helped UTLA to ensure uninterrupted passenger transport and cargo movement. As per information received from UTLA, the passenger movement in ships during the number of passengers in FY 2023-24 was 3,46,447 passengers while in FY 2024-25 the passenger movement got enhanced to 3,55,612 passengers. Further, as per UTLA data, the cargo movement during FY 2023-24 was 23,379.36 MT while in FY 2024-25 the cargo movement got enhanced to 37,039.40 MT.

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