

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3529
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DELAY IN MAINTENANCE OF THE BREAKWATER

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

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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in maintenance and repair of the breakwater at Kalpeni Island, Lakshadweep, causing difficulties in safe disembarkation of passengers and cargo;
- (b) the present condition of the breakwater and the impact of the delay on passenger movement, maritime safety and ship services;
- (c) whether any technical inspection has been carried out to assess damage and maintenance needs and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any proposal has been approved/ under consideration for maintenance, strengthening or reconstruction; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with estimated cost, funds allocated and timelines fixed and if not, the reasons therefor along with interim measures to ensure safe and uninterrupted disembarkation at Kalpeni Island?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) has engaged Cochin Port Authority (CoPA) for providing technical support/consultancy services for development of port infrastructure in Lakshadweep which include maintenance and repair of the breakwater at Kalpeni Island also.

To ensure safe disembarkation of passengers and cargo and based on technical inspection and assessment of breakwater conducting by CoPA, UTLA has concurred for carrying out essential repair at the existing eastern breakwater of Kalpeni Island at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.37 crore. CoPA has prepared a SOP for safe handling of passengers and cargo during the repair period.

In addition, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 272.95 crore under Sagarmala Scheme for comprehensive development of Eastern jetty of Kalpeni and its associated infrastructure. The timeline for completion of the project is 42 months.
