

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1240  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.7.2016**

**Navodaya Vidyalaya in Lakshadweep**

1240. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any representation has been received by the Government in this regard and if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) & (b) The Navodaya Vidyalaya scheme provides for opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country. Opening of new JNVs is a continuous process which depends on the willingness of the concerned State Government/ Union Territories Administrations in making available requisite land free of cost for construction of school buildings and rent free temporary accommodation to start the Vidyalaya. Actual sanction and opening of the new JNV depends on the availability of funds and approval by Competent Authority. As on date, one JNV is sanctioned at Minicoy in Lakshadweep and is functioning smoothly from its permanent campus.

Proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are considered only if sponsored by the eligible agencies committing resources for setting up a new KV as well as on the availability of necessary sanction of the Government. As on date, one KV is functioning at Kavaratti, Lakshadweep.

(c) One letter had been received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament from Lakshadweep in June, 2015 requesting for opening of one more JNV or KV in the islands of Lakshadweep other than Kavaratti and Minicoy islands, to which a reply has already been sent on the above lines.

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