

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 239  
(To be answered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018)**

**SEAPLANE SERVICES**

**\*239. MOHAMMED FAIZAL**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to start seaplane services in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

**(Shri Jayant Sinha)**

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**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239, REGARDING "SEAPLANE SERVICES" TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2018**

**(a) & (b): No proposal has been received from any applicant so far for starting seaplane services in Lakshadweep Islands.**

**(c) & (d): A representation has been received from Shri Mohammed Faizal, Member of Parliament, Lakshadweep for seaplane services to facilitate inter-island and island to mainland movement of tourist and locals in Lakshadweep. A working group has been constituted by the Ministry of Civil Aviation comprising representatives from Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA), Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), State Governments of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep and Federation of Indian Airlines(As a special Invitee) to look into the matter of single engine seaplane operations under Scheduled Commuter Category and to explore the possibility of incorporation of waterbodies in Regional Connectivity Scheme(RCS)-UDAN.**

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