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Title: Regarding proper functioning of fleets and transport sector in Union Territory of Lakshadweep - Laid.

SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P. (LAKSHADWEEP): Perhaps Lakshadweep administration might be the only agency operating large number of passengers cum cargo ships in India. Nearly 28 to 30 number of fleets are under operation now. Since ships are the life line of Lakshadweep, it's equally important to establish an administrative establishment in the form of a corporate with efficient marine human resources to manage the task. At present it's done by Lakshadweep Development Corporation which is totally under capacitated with technical expertise and they have to depend upon a third party always. Moreover LDCL's (Lakshadweep Development Corporation Ltd.) formation aims at marketing of agricultural produce of Lakshadweep including fisheries. Hence, it is very much essential to establish an independent body for proper functioning of the fleets and transport sector of UTL.