

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding providing opportunities to local entrepreneurs to take up developmental plans in Lakshwadeep.

SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P. (LAKSHADWEEP): Thank you very much for allowing me to raise a very important issue which is pertaining to my constituency, Lakshadweep.

Sir, Lakshadweep is known for its pristine beauty, the crystal-clear waters and silver sand beaches. The entire world is being beacons by the boutique and salient features of the islands. Tourism is one of the most important sectors so far as economic development and employment generation is concerned. I am very happy and thankful to this Government that they have made a tourism policy which was not in place for quite long years. This has yielded good results and taken off the tourism potential of the islands. Sir, while I appreciate the NITI Aayog's propelled big projects which are taken up and are in the final stage, at the same time, there are local educated youths waiting for quite a long time for their proposals to be approved. My request to the Government is to provide them equal level playing field so that these youths, who are really educated and have a lot of potential, can find out investors. They want to develop the islands and generate employment opportunities for the people.

So, my request to the Government is that the carrying capacity published by the UT Administration should be shared with the local entrepreneurs also. It is my demand that I am putting before you. I would like to reiterate that the Government of India and the UT Administration must not forget that all these NITI Aayog's big projects are getting implemented only through the cooperation and support of the local people.

My only request is that the local entrepreneurs should also be given proper opportunity to take up these projects. Thank you very much.