

## **Need for urgent repairing and maintenance of breakwater at Androth Island in Lakshadweep-Laid**

**SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP):** I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the urgent need for maintenance and repair of the breakwater at Androth Island, which is crucial for ensuring the safety and functionality of the island's maritime infrastructure. Several essential works, including the de-silting of the main wharf area, the retrieval and placement of tetrapods, and the supply of granite stone boulders for backfilling, are pending for approval from the authorities. Despite estimates being submitted, the delay in approval and execution of these works is putting the infrastructure at risk. The tender process for casting 8T tetrapods is in progress, while the casting and placement of 8T tetrapods at the seaside of the breakwater await approval. These structures are critical for mitigating the impact of strong hitting waves and protecting the breakwater. The maintenance of the IIF Wharf passenger shutter remains unfinished, affecting operations and connectivity. A major obstacle is the lack of a suitable crane. The retrieval and placement of 8T/12T tetrapods, awarded in 2023, have not begun due to the absence of a 100-ton capacity crane. The existing 30T crane is insufficient. I urge the Government to approve pending estimates, procure a high-capacity crane, and expedite the necessary work.