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Title: Need to introduce sea planes as a mode of public transport in Lakshadweep Island.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the House that Lakshadweep Island is ecologically fragile and any project or infrastructure development in Lakshadweep Islands has to undergo the environment impact assessment. Connectivity is a major problem in the islands as it is geographically isolated. Unlike the mainland, in Lakshadweep there is no Railways and Roadways. Keeping in view the given circumstances, I would urge the Government to start Sea Planes in Lakshadweep which doesn't require acquiring of land, compensation to land owners and other environmental problems. Introduction of sea planes will be a great boost to the transportation sector and will develop the islands and promote tourism. It has already been started in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the same may be operationalized here.