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Title: Need to resolve the issue of strike by the crew union of Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited.

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government that during January, 2011, ship crew unions of the Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited (LDCL), went on five-day-long strike causing lot of inconvenience to the islanders of UT of Lakshadweep. The main reason was that a crew member namely Shri Shameem Ali Yousuf hailing from Minicoy Island on M.V. Bharat Seema Ship died when the vessel was docked at the Cochin Port and the Unions went on strike alleging that LDCL under Lakshadweep Administration has failed to take care of its employee who died on duty. The union insisted for proper enquiry and action taken against the erring LDCL officials concerned and compensation given to the family.

The people of UT of Lakshadweep depend mainly on shipping service for their transport to mainland and vice-versa and for their inter-island travel. From the pin to the plane everything has to be transported from the mainland to the islands. Any strike by the ship crew unions affects the life of the islanders. The LDCL should be very careful to tackle such issues immediately so that no inconvenience is caused to the other islands.

Therefore, I would strongly urge the Government and especially the Ministry of Home Affairs to direct the Lakshadweep Administration to take such critical issues seriously and resolve the same without being apathetic towards it.