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Title: Need to provide night landing facilities for helicopters in Lakshadweep.

MOHAMMED FAIZAL (LAKSHADWEEP): As you know, Lakshadweep group of islands are situated in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Kerala at a distance varying from 220 km to 440 km. Pawan Hans helicopters are rendering service for Lakshadweep Administration especially for medical emergency from various islands to Kochi. The medical evacuations are now being carried out during day time only. It becomes critical if any hospital/community health centre or primary health Centre reports medical emergency after 4 pm of the day. The patients have to wait till next day morning for the evacuation. It is very pathetic situation in Lakshadweep due to lack of night landing facility. People of Lakshadweep are witness to several unpleasant incidents.

The prime concern of the government should be to provide basic infrastructure to protect human lives. To tide over this situation, Lakshadweep does not require huge investment. Proper lightings in all helipads will enable the helicopters to land and take off during night time. These are basic requirements of the people till they have adequate facility of medical services in Lakshadweep. Therefore, necessary direction may kindly be given to the concerned for providing adequate lighting at all helipads of inhabited islands of Lakshadweep to safeguard human lives.