

PARLIAMENT QUESTION: PLANETARIUM AT KAVARATTI ISLAND

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The Science and Technology Department of the Lakshadweep Administration has a proposal to phase by phase upgradation of the existing planetarium at Kavaratti Island. An assessment was carried out regarding the need for modernization of the planetarium infrastructure and content. The service report in this regard suggests upgradation of the existing planetarium projection system, computers, and software. The estimated cost of the first phase of upgradation of existing computers and hardware is approximately Rs.2,12,01,442/- (Rupees two crore twelve lakh one thousand four hundred and forty-two). The timelines and implementing agency is to be decided by the Science and Technology Department of the Lakshadweep Administration.

In order to strengthen Science and Technology in Lakshadweep, the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, is conducting outreach programs, viz. National Children's Science Congress and Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) - Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge (MANAK) in different schools of Lakshadweep. These programs encourage young students in the age group of 10-17 to explore and solve local problems through Science and Technology.

This information was given by Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, MoS Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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