

Regarding need to review the decision to cancel all the diversion certificates for construction on Private and Pandaram lands in Lakshadweep.-laid

SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED (LAKSHADWEEP): I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the grave difficulties confronting Lakshadweep residents due to the Lakshadweep Administration's order of 14th March 2026, which cancels all diversion certificates for construction on private and Pandaram lands across the islands. Sir, these certificates, issued after due verification by competent authorities, enabled families to build homes on their land. Many have invested life savings in good faith, constructing or expanding houses over the years. This abrupt cancellation has sown widespread uncertainty and distress. Ongoing constructions face stop memos, stranding households mid-project. Families who borrowed or pooled resources now endure severe financial and social hardships. Lakshadweep's scarce land and traditional holdings?private plots and community-used Pandaram lands?make such decisions especially harsh. Without prior consultation or transition measures, ordinary islanders suffer disproportionately. I urge the Government to urgently intervene, review the order, regularize bona fide constructions, and devise a practical, resident-friendly mechanism to shield those who acted in good faith from penalties. The Union Government must provide immediate relief to affected households in Lakshadweep.