

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1451
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

FERRY SERVICES

1451. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has given in principle approval for commencement of ferry service between Tamil Nadu and Srilanka, if so, the details thereof indicating the Status of stages/subsequent approvals accorded by the Government thereon;
- (b) whether the Union Government is in agreement to fund the ferry service project as proposed by Government of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) No Sir, Government has not given in principle approval for commencement of ferry service between Tamil Nadu and Srilanka.

(b) & (c) A proposal has been received from Tamil Nadu Maritime Board regarding "Development of Infrastructure and Allied Facilities at Rameswaram for the immediate commencement of Passenger Ferry Service from Rameswaram (India) to Thalaimannar (Sri Lanka) - 26 Nautical Miles" at an estimated cost of Rs. 27.32 Cr. The proposal was examined in this Ministry and have sought the DPR incorporating hydrographic survey, geo-technical report, detailed layout along with rail/ road connectivity details, from TNMB on 12.07.2023.

Ministry of External Affairs is extending financial assistance of INR 8 crore for upgrading infrastructure at Nagapattinam Port.
