

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1166
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

PASSENGER SHIP FROM MANGALORE TO LAKSHADWEEP

1166. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

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- (a) whether the Government was operating a Passenger Ship from Mangalore Old Port to Kadmatt Island, Lakshadweep since March 2020 onwards;
- (b) if so, whether the said service has been discontinued;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to resume the operations and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the distance between Mangalore and Kadmatt Island?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration was operating Passenger Ship from Mangalore Old Port to Kadmat island, Lakshadweep.
- (b) Yes, the service of Passenger Ship was discontinued.
- (c) Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration and Karnataka Maritime Board for implementation of the project of '**Development of dedicated jetty for Lakshadweep with allied infrastructure facilities for cargo and cruise terminal at Old Mangalore Port**'. These facilities will facilitate shipping service between Mangalore port and Lakshadweep islands especially northern group of islands like Amini, Kadmat, Kiltan, Chetlat, Bitra. **Government of Karnataka** is also planning to operationalise passenger cruise between Mangalore and Lakshadweep Island.
- (d) The distance between Mangalore and Kadmat island is 155 Nautical miles.
