

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SEA ROUTE
JAWAHAR LAL JAISWAL

Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether travel by sea route is decreasing day by day;
- (b) if so, the comparative percentage of fall during the last ten years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote international travel by sea route?

Answer

MINISTER FOR OCEAN DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) Yes, sir,

(b) & (c) the demand for point to point passenger sea traffic on international routes has become non-existent as air travels offer increased level of convenience at competitive pricing.

The passenger traffic by sea route between Mainland and Andaman islands and Mainland and Lakshadweep islands still continues to be at a reasonable level since the fares on these routes are highly subsidised by the Govt. of India basically for the islanders to travel between the islands and the mainland since these ships are the lifeline for the islands.