

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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MARITIME PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Maritime Tourism Projects existing in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up new maritime tourism projects;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has approved the Alappuzha maritime tourism project in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps to promote India as a Cruise Destination abroad, which are as follows:

i) Ministry of Tourism through its office at Dubai participated in the Seatrade Middle East, Maritime Exhibition at Dubai from 6-8 December, 2004. A delegation comprising Port officials also participated in the Exhibition. New collaterals and publicity materials on cruise tourism produced by the Ministry of Tourism were exhibited. Chairman Mumbai Port Trust made a detailed presentation on the developments taking place in India pertaining to Cruise Tourism.

ii) A workshop was organized in collaboration with Mumbai Port Trust on 12.02.2005. Chairperson, Mumbai Port Trust made a presentation on Cruise Tourism, Emerging Trends - India and the World. Joint Secretary Shipping made a presentation on the Development of Cruise Shipping Policy.

iii) Ministry of Tourism through its office at New York participated in the Seatrade Cruise Conference at Miami from 14-17 March, 2005. A delegation comprising of Port officials also participated in the Exhibition.

iv) Ministry of Tourism has written to leading Cruise Operators worldwide regarding the new initiatives of Government of India for development and promotion of cruise tourism.

v) M/s Ocean Cruises India Pvt. Ltd. have been issued a NOC by the Ministry of Tourism for operating cruise services from Goa to Lakshadweep via Cochin.

(c) & (d): No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Kerala.