

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CRUISE FACILITY TO ATTRACT TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government now proposes to make available duty-free shops as well as cruise facility at ports to attract tourists;
- (b) if so, the ports selected by the Ministry for developing cruise facility; and
- (c) the time by which this work is likely to be finalized?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b) For development of facilities for cruise vessels, it has been decided to concentrate initially on 5 major ports, namely, Mumbai, Mormugao, New Mangalore, Cochin and Tuticorin. Some major ports have plans to allow opening of duty free shops also.
- (c) The development of port facilities including for cruise vessels is an ongoing process depending on traffic, potential, resources etc. and as such no timeframe could be prescribed.