

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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CRUISE TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Government proposes to develop the cruise tourism in the country in view of its vast coastline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a), (b) & (c): There is tremendous potential of Cruise Tourism in the country, accordingly, the Cruise Shipping Policy of Ministry of Shipping has been approved. The following projects have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for development of Cruise Tourism in 2008-09.

1. Development of tourism infrastructure at Cochin Port, Kerala for Rs.1450.00 lakh to Cochin Port Trust, Kochi.
2. Purchase of Ferries in Tamil Nadu for Rs.52.70 lakh to Poompuhar Shipping Corporation Ltd., Chennai.

The Cochin Port was also one of the eleven ports in the world which hosted the Volvo Ocean Race from 3rd to 13th December, 2008.