

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER SHIPS AND FARE
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the private and public passenger ships plying from Indian ports to various destinations alongwith the distance covered, categories and classes, fares as well as the frequency during each of the last three years, major port-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the port-wise and country-wise details of category, fare and the distance covered by private and public passenger ships which go to different places from Indian ports;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start shipping services from the main / major ports to the neighbouring countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the time by which the services are likely to be started; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G. K. VASAN)

- (a) & (b): Information relating to vessels plying to Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands from Indian Ports is at Annexure - I & II.
- (c) to (f): An MoU has been signed between the Government of India and Sri Lanka to operate Passenger Ferry Service between ports of India and Sri Lanka. The Ferry Service between Tuticorin – Colombo is expected to start operating shortly.