

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:195  
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2011  
CRUISE TOURISM  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote Cruise Tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the schemes launched for this purpose and the central financial assistance provided during the last two years and the current year;
- (d) the locations which have been identified for cruise tourism; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.195 ANSWERED ON 12.08.2011 REGARDING CRUISE TOURISM.

(a) to (b): Cruise tourism has the potential to attract both domestic as well as foreign tourists in the country. The Ministry of Tourism in association with the Ministry of Shipping promotes cruise tourism.

(c): Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/UT Administration/Central Government Agencies under the following schemes for development of tourism including cruise tourism:

- i. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits.
- ii. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.
- iii. Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development.

No project relating to development of cruise tourism has been sanctioned during the last two years and the current year.

(d): Initially, five ports namely Mumbai, Goa, Chennai, Mangalore and Kochi have been identified for cruise tourism including development of cruise terminal.

(e): The Government of India has approved the Cruise Shipping Policy in June 2008. Some salient features of this policy include conducive fiscal regime, development of facilities at Ports and connectivity through rail, road transport, air and metro, quick completion of immigration formalities, hassle free custom clearance and proper waste disposal system ensuring cleaner ocean. An Inter Ministerial Steering Committee with Secretary (Shipping) as Chairman was constituted in June, 2010 to address issues relating to development of cruise shipping. Other steps taken for development of cruise tourism include production of a CD and participation in cruise shipping conventions.