

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4198  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2011  
FERRY SERVICE  
Lingam Shri P.

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

- (a) whether Tuticorin-Colombo ferry service has been resumed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any representation to suspend the resumed ferry service;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's reaction thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Sri Lanka on 7th January, 2011 for commencement of passenger services between the ports of Tuticorin and Colombo and between Rameswaram and Talaimannar, the Tuticorin-Colombo ferry service was resumed on 13th June, 2011.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister on 14th June, 2011 requesting, inter alia, the suspension of ferry services between Tuticorin and Colombo. Concurrence for signing the MoU from all concerned Departments and Agencies and the Government of Tamil Nadu was obtained prior to commencement of the ferry service.