

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4369  
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PASSENGER SHIP  
Viswanathan Shri P.

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to run passenger ship connecting Chennai and Kanyakumari touching all the coastal districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): In the Maritime Agenda, 2010-20, which is the perspective plan of the Ministry of Shipping, introduction of coastal ferry-cum-passenger service from Chennai to Kanyakumari and other suitable places is included.
- (c): The Indian Ports Association has been advised to conduct a feasibility study of the above proposal. Further action on the proposal will depend on the outcome of the feasibility study.