

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various agencies have urged the Government to take steps for modernizing Nagapattinam Port and for introducing passenger and ferry service to Malaysia and Singapore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to modernize the port and also for introducing ferry services from the port?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Nagapattinam Port is a non-major port in Tamil Nadu. As per Indian Ports Act, 1908, the responsibility for development of a non-major port vests with the concerned Maritime State Government. There is no proposal for introducing passenger and ferry service from Nagapattinam Port to Malaysia and Singapore.