

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the status of cruise shipping in the country at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposed to exploit this sector to improve the economy of the people of the coastal region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan of the Government to encourage cruise tourism; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated for developing the infrastructure in this sector and the amount spent so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Cruise Shipping is one of the most dynamic and fast growing components of the leisure hospitality industry worldwide and is growing at the rate of 12% per annum globally. This sector has witnessed some activity in India, as well as in the recent times. However, it is still in its infancy in India. Presently Indian Shipping Line owns one luxury cruise liner.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): The Government has formulated Cruise Shipping Policy which enumerates the action plan for encouraging cruise tourism in India.

(d): Under the Ministry of Tourism, Central financial assistance for Cruise Tourism was sanctioned for development of Tourism Infrastructure in Willingdon Island, Cochin Port during the year 2008-09 for an amount of Rs. 145.00 lakh. The project was completed at a lower cost i.e. Rs. 1225 lakh. An amount of Rs. 491.53 lakh has been sanctioned and Rs. 245.77 lakh released during the current financial year (2011-12) to Cochin Port Trust for development of Cruise Passenger facilitation centre at Cochin Port.