

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1881  
ANSWERED ON:26.03.2012  
FERRY SERVICE  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

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

- (a) whether ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo has been dispensed with some time ago;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to resume the said service between the two countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The passenger ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo and vice-versa was started on 13.6.2011. However, the scheduled ferry service on and after 22.11.2011 was not operated by the operator, citing technical reasons. In order to resume the service, meetings have been taken by the Chairman, V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin with the operator and stakeholders. A review meeting was also held in the Ministry of Shipping on 24.02.2012 in which the operator has been instructed to resume the ferry service at once. The penalty for non-performance of voyages has been paid by the operator.

(e): Does not arise.