

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5030
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PASSENGER SHIPS
Jakhar Shri Badri Ram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new shipping services from major ports to the neighbouring countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): An Expression of Interest (EOI) for starting a ferry service between Cochin and Maldives was invited by the Shipping Corporation of India Limited. However, no response has been received from any service operator.