

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6038
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FERRY SERVICES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start ferry service between Kochi in Kerala and Maldives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said ferry service is likely to be started alongwith the planned frequency for this service?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): 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.