GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6147 ANSWERED ON:14.05.2012 DISEMBARKATION FACILITY Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the disembarkation facility at some of the Indian Ports such as Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata is not available as per international norms:
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade such facility at all the major ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a) & (b): In Major Ports such as Chennai, V.O. Chidambaranar, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mumbai and Mormugao Port, where cruise ships/passenger ships make a call, the disembarkation facility is available as per international standards. In the Major Port of Kolkata no international cruise vessels call at the Port. Therefore, no disembarkation facilities have been provided.
- (c): Steps have been taken by the Ports to upgrade the facilities such as escalators, aero bridge, providing customs/immigration desks, baggage scanning, food court, gaming zone, passport reading machines, etc where cruise ships/passenger ships make a call.