

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SEA TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan of the Government for promoting sea/cruise tourism in the country;
- (b) the place which have the highest potential in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for improving the coastal economy and developing the coastal areas of the country especially in the Maharashtra and Goa?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a): The Government of India has approved the Cruise Shipping Policy in June 2008. Some salient features of this policy include conducive fiscal regime, development of facilities at Ports and connectivity through rail, road transport, air and metro, quick completion of immigration formalities, hassle free custom clearance and proper waste disposal system ensuring cleaner ocean. An Inter Ministerial Steering Committee with Secretary (Shipping) as Chairman was constituted in June, 2010 to address issues relating to development of cruise shipping.

(b): The Steering Committee on Cruise Tourism has identified the ports of Chennai, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao and Mumbai for development of Cruise Tourism.

(c): Development and promotion of Tourism including Sea, Cruise and Coastal Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for project proposals under the scheme of Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.