

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCING TOURIST SHIPS
Dhanaplan Shri K. P.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce tourist ships in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the ports proposed for the said service;
- (c) whether the Government also has a proposal to start Port-cum-Shipping yards in the country; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The Government has identified the ports of Chennai, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao, Tuticorin and Mumbai for development of cruise tourism. Cruise terminals have already been constructed at Mumbai, Chennai, New Mangalore, Cochin and Tuticorin.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to take steps for setting up a new major port each in Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.