

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4502  
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PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES  
Ahmed Shri Sultan

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce passenger ferry services between India and neighbouring countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said proposal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) There is a proposal to start ferry service between Rameswaram and Talaimannar. As per available information, the jetty at Rameswaram has been upgraded to start the ferry service. However, construction of Talaimannar pier in Sri Lanka is yet to be completed by the Sri Lankan side.