

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DISCONTINUATION OF STAR CRUISE SHIP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a star cruise ship plying from Goa to Lakshadweep and contributing a lot in the development of tourism in the islands has been discontinued;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether due to mismanagement, the ship had resulted in losses; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for resumption of services of the said ship?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

- (a): Star Cruise Ship (Super Star Libra) was plying in Mumbai/Goa/Lakshadweep circuit with effect from 5.10.2005 to 24.05.2007.
- (b) to (d): The Star Cruise Shipping line apparently withdrew the service as it was financially not viable.