

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the coastal shipping service currently available with the neighbouring countries;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to start coastal shipping service to any neighbouring country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI), Mumbai has started India- Myanmar Shipping Service on 03rd October, 2014. The port rotation of the service is Colombo-Chennai-Krishnapatnam-Yangon-Colombo with the total round voyage of 20 days (approx.).
- (b)&(c): India and Bangladesh have finalized a Coastal Shipping Agreement between the two countries using vessels of river sea category or equivalent. The commencement of coastal shipping will give a boost to Exim Trade between the two countries.