

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Shipping Services

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any survey to start shipping services between Haldia/ Shankarpur (West Bengal) and Port Blair (Andaman) to meet the demands of increased passenger transportation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to restart shipping services on Mumbai-Goa route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of other proposals to start new ship/cargo services amongst various ports in the country?

Answer

(a)&(b):No, Madam. Port Blair is linked to Kolkata through passenger-cum-cargo services operated by Andaman & Nicobar Island administration. As per the information obtained from Shipping Corporation of India which manages Andaman-mainland ships on behalf of Andaman & Nicobar Administration most of the passenger ships plying on Andaman routes have fill factors of 40-50% only.

(c)&(d):As per information furnished by Government of Goa, 'in principle' approval has been given by Maharashtra Government to start Mumbai-Goa ferry services to a shipping company.

(e) Ships/cargo services amongst various ports of the country are planned and operated by the public/private shipping companies keeping in view the financial viability of the service. The Government provides the enabling policy and regulatory framework for operating the passenger/cargo services.
