

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF SHIPPING**

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**ANSWERED ON**

**PERSPECTIVE PLANNING FOR THE CRUISE INDUSTRY .**

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Will the Minister of COALCOALSHIPPING be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Government has any perspective planning to set up cruise industry, aiming to develop India as the cruise hub of the region as growth in the global cruise industry looks set to strengthen tourist links between Indian sub-continent with countries of Middle-East, Gulf, etc.; and

(b) if so, due to financial constraints and comparative lack of expertise in this cruise industry, whether Government is adopting public-private-partnership route for establishment of 'cruise industry' which has great potential due to our excellent air, land and sea connectivity?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING

(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has approved the Cruise Shipping Policy of India in June, 2008. Cruise Shipping would be a path breaking development in India's efforts to carve a prominent space in world tourism and it would showcase India as a major source and destination of world tourism. With the implementation of this policy, the growth in diverse sectors would spill out and it would earn foreign exchange for the country and generate employment. The Cruise Shipping Policy envisages development of Port Infrastructure and connectivity on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT)/Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model wherever possible.