

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3661

TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd APRIL, 2017

INCREASING SHIPPING SERVICE

3661. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passengers using shipping services all over the country (domestic/international);
- (b) if so, whether many of the passenger ships are losing its passengers, due to low air fare; and
- (c) if so, the steps being taken to increase utilization of shipping for domestic and international services?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a) The total number of passengers embarked and disembarked at Ports in India during 2014-15 is about 1.96 crore.
- (b) The decision to travel by a particular mode of transportation is a choice of the passengers keeping in view their convenience and affordability of the mode of transportation. There is no specific information available about loss of passenger traffic from shipping mode to air mode.
- (c) To increase utilization of shipping services for passenger transportation, projects have been taken up to improve the navigational capabilities of National Waterways. In addition, cruise terminals are functional at Mumbai, Cochin, Mormugao and New Mangalore major ports which provide facilities for passenger transportation and cruise tourism
