

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3511
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

PROMOTION OF CRUISE AND PASSENGER SHIP SERVICES

3511.SHRI R.GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is keen in promoting Cruise and passenger ship services from Chennai and Puducherry to Sri Lanka, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Singapore and other international destinations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is a fact that Cruise services has a business potential of Rs. 20,000 crore / annum in the next few years and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (c) The Government of India launched Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) on 30th September, 2024. CBM provides for a framework for inter-ministerial approach for crafting interventions along policy, regulatory, and other aspects governing cruise sector and enable responsible involvement of all regulatory agencies, such as Customs, Immigration, CISF, State Tourism Departments, State Maritime Agencies, District Administrations, and local police. CBM seeks to increase sea cruise tourists to 10 lakh by 2029.
