

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3906  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

**CRUISE TOURISM**

**3906. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make/develop prominent ports of the country as cruise ports to exploit cruise tourism potential in the country and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard so far;**
- (b) whether the Government has approved the Cruise Shipping Policy to promote India as an attractive cruise tourism destination;**
- (c) if so, the salient features of the policy along with the funds spent by the Government for implementing the Cruise Shipping Policy since its inception, year-wise;**
- (d) the locations identified for promoting cruise tourism in the country, State/UT-wise; and**
- (e) whether the Policy has been effective in significantly scaling up cruise tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism has recognised Cruise Tourism, as a 'Niche' tourism product in order to promote India as a 365 days' destination and attract tourists with specific interest. The steps taken to promote Cruise Tourism include developing appropriate infrastructure at ports for handling cruise vessels and facilitating ease of movement of passengers.**

**(b) & (c): A Cruise Shipping Policy was announced in 2008 by the Ministry of Shipping to promote India as an attractive cruise tourism destination. The important features of the policy are to develop India as destination as well as source market for cruise tourism; to increase the number of cruise shipping calls and passenger arrivals; to popularize cruise shipping among Indian tourists; to provide simplified immigration process for foreign cruise tourists; to provide easy Customs clearance and to have a conducive fiscal regime for cruise ships through development of cruise terminals and related infrastructure. Various steps have been taken to implement the initiatives envisaged in the Cruise Shipping Policy, 2008. A Task Force on Cruise Tourism has been formed jointly by the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Shipping with representatives of all major stakeholders. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for the development of Cruise Terminals and related infrastructure at the major ports as part of its scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies. Details of the projects are given in Annexure.**

**(d): The five major ports of the country namely Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT), Mormugao Port Trust (MoPT), New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT), Cochin Port Trust (CoPT) and Chennai Port Trust (ChPT) have been developed to attract cruise ships with dedicated terminals and other related infrastructure for berthing of cruise vessels and embarking and disembarking of cruise passengers.**

**(e): There has been a steady increase in the number of ships and cruise passengers calling on Indian ports over the past few years. The Ministry of Shipping informs that as against 55 cruise ship calls in the year 2003-04, the number of cruise ship calls increased to 166 in the year 2016-17. Further, the number of cruise passengers also increased from 28,000 in the year 2003-04 to 1,91,835 passengers in the year 2016-17.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING CRUISE TOURISM.**

**PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE  
TERMINAL/UP-GRADATION OF BERTH UNDER ASSISTANCE TO  
CENTRAL AGENCIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

**(Rs. In Lakh)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name of the project</b>	<b>Sanctioned amount</b>	<b>Amount released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>Cruise terminal building at Mormugao Port, Goa</b>	<b>879.04</b>	<b>767.187</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>Cruise terminal building at Chennai port , Chennai</b>	<b>1724.66</b>	<b>1724.66</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>Upgradation / modernization at International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai</b>	<b>1250.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Upgradation of berths and backup area of Ernakulam wharf, Kerala</b>	<b>2141.00</b>	<b>433.06</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Development of dedicated cruise berthing facilities at Cochin Port</b>	<b>2243.32</b>	<b>2138.92</b>

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