

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.259
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2018

CRUISE AND FERRY SERVICES

259. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the salient features of new Guidelines implemented for operation of Cruise Shipping and Ferry Services at Major Ports in the country;
- (b) the details of Cruise Shipping and Ferry Services presently operational in Major Ports in the country, Port-wise;
- (c) the present status of construction of new Cruise Terminals in the country at various ports in the country including Kochi; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for this purpose?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) New guidelines in the form of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to handle cruise vessels and cruise passengers have been revised and implemented in November, 2017. The salient features of these SOPs inter alia includes submission of documents/data electronically, seamless entry and exit process with access control and RFID for vehicles and persons and simplified Port Health Organization Clearance Procedure. It further provides for e-Landing card for shore excursion, doing away with face to face checks except at the first port of entry and last port of exit and allowing carrying of valid photo I-card for Indian cruise passenger on domestic leg instead of the passport.

(b) The five major ports i.e Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port and Chennai Port receive cruise ships as per the plan/programme of various cruise companies as a port of call. Ferry services are run from Mumbai Port (Gateway of India) to Mandwa & Elephanta, and from Ferry Wharf to Mora, Revas & Karanja.

(c & d) A cruise passenger facilitation centre has been completed at Chennai Port on 31.7.2017 with an expenditure of Rs. 17.54 crores. An international Cruise terminal is under construction at Mumbai Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crores. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 12.50 crores for this project out of which Rs. 5 cores have already been released. A domestic cruise terminal has also been developed at Mumbai Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 14 crores. It is proposed to construct another cruise terminal facility in the Ernakulum Wharf of Cochin Port at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.72 crores. The Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned Rs. 21.41 crores as financial assistance for this project out of this Rs. 4.33 crores have been released.
