## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2678 TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2018

## CABOTAGE FOR CRUISE VESSELS

2678. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to waive off cabotage for foreign registered cruise vessels; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Shipping has allowed Foreign flag vessels carrying passengers to call at more than one Indian port under section 407(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 without obtaining a licence from Director General of Shipping, for a period of 10 years with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009; which has been extended further for a period of 5 years i.e. upto 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.