

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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CRUISE TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for cruise tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details and the names of the places having potential for cruise tourism and the manner in which these are likely to be developed;**
- (d) the extant status of cruise tourism in the country; and**
- (e) the quantum of employment likely to be generated by the implementation of cruise tourism action plan?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (e): Ministry of Shipping has brought out a Vision Document with a view to develop India as a Cruise shipping destination. The vision document envisages to develop supporting infrastructure for cruise tourism at ports, give special focus on developing the domestic cruise industry through policy supports, incentives and port infrastructure development. Separately, Ministry of Shipping & Ministry of Tourism have jointly appointed a consultant for 'Preparation of Action Plan for Development of Cruise Tourism in India.

The five major ports of the country namely, Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port and Chennai Port 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.

In the year 2017-18, a total of 139 Cruise ships carrying 1,62,660 passengers visited India at six major ports namely Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port, Chennai Port and Kolkata Port.

The Cruise tourism operations augment local economic activities as business opportunities arise for supply for provisions, transport, hotels, bunkering etc. to cruise ships which generate direct and indirect employment and help in growth of local economy.
