

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5020
ANSWERED ON 31/03/2023

ENERGY EFFICIENT TRANSPORTS SERVICES UNDER PPP

5020. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote an energy efficient and low cost mode of transport for freight and passenger services through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) with viability gap funding;
- (b) the action taken by the Government towards development of global logistics and international shipping services therein along with the progress to meet the demand of cargo traffic by 2030 and the expansion of ports therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start passenger vessels in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) One of the Budget Announcements for 2023-24 was about Coastal Shipping to be promoted as the energy efficient and lower cost mode of transport, both for passengers and freight, through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode.
- (b) & (c) Expansion, modernization and up-gradation of Major Ports in the country is a continuous process to keep the ports abreast with new technologies, promote trade and cargo through PPP. Major ports are developing berths, terminals, oil jetties etc. on PPP mode to enhance the operational efficiency (including improvement in vessel turnaround time evacuation of cargo etc.) and capacity to make Major Ports globally competitive. This apart to attract cruise ships, Major Ports such as Cochin Port, Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, Chennai port, New Mangalore Port already have Cruise Terminals. Cruise Ships are already calling on all the above mentioned Major ports. Shipping Corporation of India is also running vessel services in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Puduchery.
