

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1332
ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of States in the country which have huge potential for cruise tourism and the manner in which these are to be developed;**
- (b) the extant status of cruise tourism in the country as on date;**
- (c) the reasons for the less development of cruise tourism in the country despite having huge potential;**
- (d) the quantum of funds allocated for the development of cruise tourism in the country during each of the last three years;**
- (e) whether the Government has prepared action plan for cruise tourism in the country and if so, the quantum of employment likely to be generated; and**
- (f) the problems being faced by the Government in the promotion of cruise tourism in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a): Five major ports of the country Viz. Mumbai Port Trust, Mormugao Port Trust, New Mangalore Port Trust, Cochin Port Trust and Chennai Port Trust are located in the States of Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu respectively.

Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State

Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them every year subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

Following steps have been taken for promoting cruise Tourism:

- (i) Developing appropriate infrastructure at ports for handling cruise vessels and facilitating ease of movement of passengers.**
- (ii) The Ports have been developed to attract Cruise Ships with dedicated terminals & other related infrastructure for berthing of Cruise vessels & embarking & disembarking of cruise passengers.**
- (iii) A Task Force on Cruise Tourism has been formed jointly by the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Shipping with representatives of all major ports and stakeholders for coordinated efforts to create an enabling ecosystem for the development of Cruise Tourism in India.**
- (iv) Ministry of Shipping has brought out a vision paper on developing India as a cruise destination.**

(b): Ministry of Shipping has provided the following data on the status of number of cruise passengers and vessels arriving at major ports in India:

Year Port	2018-19		2019-20	
	No. of Passengers	No. of cruise Vessels	No. of Passengers	No. of Vessels
Chennai Port Trust	3685	5	612	2
Cochin Port Trust	62753	49	67907	44
NewMangalore Port Trust	29372	26	24080	21
Mormugao Port Trust	80510*	102*	152875*	163*
Mumbai Port Trust	86757*	106 *	222105	221*
TOTAL	263077	288	467579	451

*** Includes Domestic and foreign cruise vessel data.**

(c): Ministry of Shipping has informed that maritime nations having homeporting facilities for cruise vessels are the principal beneficiaries of cruise tourism. Indian ports are primarily ports of call for cruise lines at ports in Mumbai, Cochin, Goa, New Mangalore and Chennai. However, Costa Cruises home ported ship in Mumbai for four seasons in succession and visits Mumbai – New Mangalore – Cochin – Male – Colombo - Goa –Mumbai.

In order to increase the Indian cruise business, the government has taken various initiatives including preparation of Action Plan and road map for promotion of cruise Shipping, rationalization of Port tariff, relaxation of cabotage for international cruise vessels, easing of immigration clearance procedures, etc.

(d): Details of projects sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme and Swadesh Darshan Scheme by Ministry of Tourism is placed at Annexure.

(e): A national roadmap for development of cruise tourism has been made jointly by Ministry of Tourism & Ministry of Shipping with the assistance of internationally renowned consultant. The roadmap has projected a possibility of phenomenal growth over 25 years in number of passengers from 0.2 million in 2016 to 4 million in 2041 with employment potential of 2,50,000 persons.

(f): Cruise tourism is at a nascent in the country. Ministry of Shipping has informed that maritime nations having homeporting facilities for cruise vessels are the principal beneficiaries of cruise tourism. There is need to make cruise tourism more competitive, improve the infrastructure facilities and further revamping of the processes involved in the clearances. The Government has issued Standard Operating Procedure covering all the relevant associated agencies and is improving various infrastructure facilities for promotion of cruise tourism.

COVID-19 pandemic has also taken a toll on Cruise Tourism.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1332 ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM****DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER VARIOUS SCHEMES OF MINISTRY OF TOURISM****(Rs. in Crore)**

S. No.	Sanction year	Name of Projects / State	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme				
1	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Berths & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf /Kerala	21.41	17.12
2	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination/ Maharashtra	15.00	15.00
3	2017-18	Up-gradation/modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai/ Maharashtra	12.50	12.50
4	2018-19	Improvement of immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao/ Goa	13.16	6.58
5	2018-19	Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port/ Andhra Pradesh	38.50	19.25
Swadesh Darshan Scheme				
1	2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar /Assam	90.98	69.64
2	2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure projects in the State of Jammu & Kashmir under Himalayan Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme / Jammu &Kashmir	82.97	60.47
3	2016-17	Development of Gopalpur,	70.82	52.96

		Barkul, Satapada and Tampara / Odisha		
4	2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- BhedaGhat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River / Madhya Pradesh	94.61	79.70
5	2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project / Kerala	80.37	23.77
