

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2021

PASSENGER SHIPPING BETWEEN KARAIKAL AND SRI LANKA

1657. SHRI RAMALINGAM S.:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Puducherry and the Government of Sri Lanka on the commencement of passenger shipping between Karaikal and Sri Lanka; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the action taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir, the Union Government has received a proposal from the Government of Puducherry and the Government of Sri Lanka on the commencement of passenger shipping between Karaikal, Puducherry, India and Kankesanthurai (KKS Port), Jaffna, Sri Lanka under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the two countries in 2011.
- (b) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a Committee to firm up a comprehensive plan to start Ferry Service between Karaikal Port, India and Kankesanthurai Port, Sri Lanka under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Puducherry. The Government of Puducherry has informed that M/s King Lear Ltd has submitted a proposal regarding Starting of Ferry Service between Karaikal Port, India and KKS Port, Sri Lanka. The Government of Puducherry had been directed to obtain necessary clearances from Ministry of Home Affairs and other relevant Central Government Organisations wherever applicable.
