

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3319**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**Environmental Assessment of Cruise Bharat Mission**

3319. SHRI SUDAMA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific measures proposed to be implemented by the Government to ensure that the Cruise Bharat Mission promotes sustainable tourism practices and minimizes environmental degradation;
- (b) the details of environmental assessments conducted to evaluate the potential impacts of increased cruise tourism on marine ecosystems under Cruise Bharat Mission;
- (c) the mechanism in place to ensure that the Cruise Bharat Mission balance tourism growth with environmental sustainability; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to regulate the environmental impact of cruise operations in compliance with existing environmental laws under Cruise Bharat Mission?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) The Cruise Bharat Mission was launched by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. The mission seeks to increase the number of sea cruise tourists to 10 lakh by 2029. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not received any proposals under the Bharat Cruise Mission till date. All proposals for grant of Environmental and CRZ Clearance are examined as per due procedure prescribed under EIA Notification 2006 and CRZ Notification 2011/2019.

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