

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4707**  
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025

**DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM**

4707.SHRI ADITYA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:  
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- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that cruise tourism in the country is still an unexplored, niche sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create an enabling ecosystem for the development of Cruise Tourism in India keeping in mind that at present Indian represents just one percent of the overall international cruising sector?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The Government of India has launched Cruise Bharat Mission (CBM) on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. CBM provides for a framework for inter-ministerial approach for crafting interventions along policy, regulatory, and other aspects governing cruise sector and enable responsible involvement of all regulatory agencies, such as Customs, Immigration, CISF, State Tourism Departments, State Maritime Agencies, District Administrations, and local police.

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