

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2311
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2026

SEA AND RIVER CRUISE PASSENGERS

2311. SHRI ALOK SHARMA:
SHRI LUMBARAM CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI BALABHADRA MAJHI:
SMT. ANITA NAGARSINGH CHOUHAN:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SMT. KAMLESH JANGDE:
SHRI P C MOHAN:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:
SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the number of sea and river cruise passengers in the country during the financial years 2024-25 and 2025-26;
- (b) the revenue collected from foreign cruise operators under the new Presumptive Taxation Regime (Section 44BBC);
- (c) the total number of international cruise calls at the six major cruise ports as of December 2025;
- (d) whether the Government has launched the "Cruise QR Code" clearance system at all international terminals;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which it has been implemented and its impact on passenger convenience, timely clearance and transparency; and
- (f) the new sea or inland river cruise routes/terminals planned/proposed indicating their locations timely clearance and expected tourism and employment benefits, State-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) The numbers of sea and river cruise passengers in India for FY 2024-25 & for FY 2025-26 (up to December, 2025) are as below:

Year	FY 2024–25	FY 2025–26 (up to December, 2025)
sea cruise passengers	4,92,362	3,42,631
river cruise passengers	4,35,163	29,26,440

(b) (i) A new column related to Section 44BBC of the Income-tax Act, 1961 has been introduced in ITR-3, ITR-5 and ITR-6 for AY 2025-26:

- ITR-3: Schedule BP: (35)(vib) Profits and gains of business or profession deemed to be under -Section 44BBC
- ITR-5: Schedule BP: (35)(vib) Profits and gains of business or profession deemed to be under -Section 44BBC
- ITR-6: Schedule BP: (36)(vib) Profits and gains of business or profession deemed to be under -Section 44BBC

(ii) It has been observed that only three individuals have reported a total of Rs. 2,10,001/- as profits and gains of business u/s 44BBC of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in above mentioned column of ITR -3 of AY 2025-26 (latest submitted upto 31st December 2025) .

(c) The total number of international cruises calls at the six major cruise ports for FY 2025–26 (up to December, 2025) was 25.

(d) & (e) Yes, the Cruise QR code has been launched at all major international Seaports by the Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs. All cruise passengers arriving in India on e-Visa have a QR Code on their e-Travel Authorization. Further, for Regular Visa holders, a QR Code is given to the passengers separately as per the passenger manifest received. In both cases, this single Cruise QR code enables cruise passengers to swiftly complete immigration procedure at the Seaport Cruise terminals during their movement between Cruise ship and port.

(f) Details annexed.

Annexure-A

1. **Sea** International & Domestic Cruise Terminal is under construction at Mormugao Port, Goa.

2. **River** Details are as tabulated below.

No. of NWs	State(s)	Name of NWs	Cruise Circuits
1	Andhra Pradesh	<i>NW-79 (Pennar River)</i>	PavitraSangamam local cruise
1	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Pudduchery and Maharashtra	NW-4 { Godavari river (Bhadrachalam to Rajahmundry & Bhadrachalam - Nashik), Kakinada Canal (Kakinada to Rajahmundry), Eluru Canal (Rajahmundry to Vijayawada), Krishna river (Wazirabad to Vijayawada & Wazirabad - Galagali), Commamur Canal (Vijayawada to Peddaganjam), North & South Buckingham Canals and Marakanam to Puducherry through Kaluvelly tank	Mahabalipuram- Ediyur Bridge Almatti Dam to Herkal (Overnight) Narayanpur Dam Tarlaguda-Bhadrakali Kaleswaram-Sironcha SreepadaYelampalli Sriramsagar Kopargaon Nanded Paithan
1	Andhra Pradesh & Karnataka, Telangana	<i>NW-104 (Tungabhadra River)</i>	Sunkesula Barrage
2	Gujarat	<i>NW-66 (Mahi river)</i>	Sindhort Dam -Kotna-Beach & Kadana Dam
		<i>NW-87 (Sabarmati river)</i>	Dholka-Vataman& U/s of SantSarovar Dam
2	Gujarat &	NW-73 (Narmada river)	Kukshi-U/s of Sardarsarovar

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	Maharashtra		Dam
		NW-100 (Tapi river)	Surat Castle-Dumas Beach
1	Gujarat & Rajasthan	<i>NW-48 (Jawai-Luni-Rann of Kutch River System)</i>	Dholavira&Lakhpat Fort-Narayan Sarovar (MHA clearance is required)
6	Goa	<i>NW-25 (Chapora river)</i>	Chapora-Alorna Fort
		<i>NW-88 (Sal river)</i>	Cavolossim-Betul Fort-Betul lighthouse
2	Jammu & Kashmir	<i>NW-26 (Chenab river)</i>	Reasi-Akhnoor
		<i>NW-49 (Jhelum river)</i>	Wular Lake to PanthaChowk
1	UT of Ladakh	<i>NW-46 (Indus river)</i>	Rambirpora-Karu
1	Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Punjab	<i>NW-84 (Ravi river)</i>	Sohar- Mini Goa
1	Jharkhand	<i>NW-56 (Kherkai river)</i>	Connected with Jamshedpur(NW-96)
4	Kerala	<i>NW-59 (Kottayam-Vaikom Canal)</i>	Kumarakom
1	Kerala & Tamil Nadu	NW-13 (AVM Canal)	Poovar Lake
9	Karnataka	<i>NW-41 (Ghataprabha River)</i>	Included in Almatti Dam circuit
		<i>NW-51 (Kabini river)</i>	Local tourism across Reserve forest
		NW-52 (Kali river)	Sadashivgad- Halgejoog-Sea
		<i>NW-67 (Malaprabha river)</i>	Badami Caves, Pattakadl&Aihole
		<i>NW-76 {Panchagangavali (Panchagangoli) River}</i>	Kodi backwaters

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		NW-90 (<i>Sharavati river</i>)	Gerusoppa-Honnavar
		NW-105 (<i>Udayavara River</i>)	Malpe Sea View
1	Karnataka & Telangana	NW-21 (<i>Bheema river</i>)	Yadgir Fort
9	Maharashtra	NW-11 (<i>Arunawati - Aran River System</i>)	Chincholi Dam
		NW-53 (<i>Kalyan-Thane-Mumbai Waterway, Vasai Creek And Ulhas River System</i>)	Urban Transport connecting Navi Mumbai Airport
		NW-83 (<i>Rajpuri Creek</i>)	Agardanda
		NW-85 (<i>Revadanda Creek - Kundalika River System</i>)	Revadanda Fort
		NW-89 (<i>Savitri River (Bankot Creek)</i>)	Harihareswar
3	Maharashtra & Telangana	NW-70 (<i>Manjara river</i>)	Octopus Lake & Nizamsagar Dam
		NW-109 (<i>Wainganga - Pranahita River System</i>)	Sironcha- Kaleswaram
4	Odisha	NW-14 (<i>Baitarni river</i>)	Bhitarkanika Forest
		NW-22 (<i>Birupa - BadiGenguti - Brahmani River System</i>)	Lalitgir-Udaigiri-Ratnagiri
		NW-23 (<i>BudhaBalanga</i>)	Balasore-Hidden beach
		NW-64 (<i>Mahanadi river</i>)	Jobra
1	Odisha, Jharkhand & West Bengal	NW-96 (<i>Subarnrekha River</i>)	PanteiGhat-Bhusandeswara-Bichitrapur Mangroves
2	Punjab & Himachal Pradesh	NW-17 (<i>Beas river</i>)	Religious circuits covering 4 gurudwaras
		NW-98 (<i>Sutlej river</i>)	Naina Devi-Tattapani&Kiratpur Sahib-Anandpur Sahib

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8	Tamil Nadu	NW-20 (<i>Bhawani river</i>)	PavitraSangamam local cruise
		NW-55 (<i>Kaveri - Kollidam River System</i>)	Chidambaram-Pichavaram
		NW-75 (<i>Palar river</i>)	Palar-Kalpakkam
		NW-77 (<i>Pazhyar river</i>)	Manakudi
		NW-80 (<i>Ponniyar river</i>)	Cuddalore Town
		NW-99 (<i>Tamaraparani River</i>)	Punnaikayal& Tirunelveli
		NW-107 (<i>Vaigai river</i>)	Madurai
2	West Bengal	NW-44 (<i>Ichamati river</i>)	
		NW-97 (<i>Sunderbans Waterways & 13 rivers</i>)	
66	NWs in 24 States	16 NWs included in DIB	
		42 NW proposed for development	
