

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
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MV GANGA VILAS

4648. SHRI BAPI HALDAR:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

- (a) the number of cruises undertaken by the MV Ganga Vilas along with the volume of domestic and foreign tourists thereon since its launch, year-wise;
- (b) the revenue, profit and operational costs of MV Ganga Vilas since its launch, year-wise; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to introduce more river cruises along the lines of MV Ganga Vilas, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The number of cruises undertaken by MV Ganga Vilas along with the volume of domestic and foreign tourists thereon since its launch, year-wise is enumerated below:

Year	Trips	Domestic tourists	Foreign tourists	Total Tourist
2022-23	5	5	120	125
2023-24	5	30	100	130
2024-25	7	10	95	105
2025-26	9	44	116	160

(b) & (c) MV Ganga Vilas vessel is owned by a private cruise operator and Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways does not maintain or compile data of the revenue, profit, or operational costs of such vessels, as these are commercial matters of the respective operators. Similarly, decision regarding expansion plans, including introduction of additional cruise services on the lines of MV Ganga Vilas are taken by private stakeholders based on market viability and business considerations.
