GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2238 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH MARCH, 2016

ALLOTMENT OF SPACE IN PORTS

2238. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government proposes to allot space inside the ports at discounted rates to promote local trade during the visits of cruise ships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether under the scheme, space will be offered for setting up pre-fabricated kiosks for sale of souvenirs, spices, local cuisine, coir products, ethnic apparel, work by local artisans and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether sales promotion by tourism and medical tourism organisations will also be permitted; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a)&(b):Cochin Port allots space inside the port at discounted rates for temporary stalls to promote local trade during the visits of cruise ships. Other cruise handling major ports allot space on demand as per their scale of rates.
- (c) In Cochin Port, the space is allotted for setting up pre-fabricated kiosks for sale of ethnic handicrafts, apparels, curious and souvenirs. Any authorised/licensed vendors can apply for the space and allotment is done on first cum first service basis to all the applicants subject to availability of space. Other cruise ship handling major ports would also be providing these facilities wherever required.
- (d)&(e):Cruise handling major ports will consider permitting sales promotion by tourism and medical tourism organisations on demand.
