

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
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**CRUISE TOURISM POLICY**

**1852. SHRI P. KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to come out with Cruise tourism policy to promote tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether any survey report on cruise tourism in the country has been prepared by experts and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of cruise vessels operating at present in various ports and the expected increase in the next five years; and**
- (d) the estimated number of cruise passengers and job creation in the next five years due to steps taken/being taken to boost infrastructure for cruise terminals?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a): Ministry of Shipping has brought out a Vision Document with a view to develop India as a Cruise shipping destination. The Vision Document envisaged to develop supporting infrastructure for cruise tourism at ports, give special focus on developing the domestic cruise industry through policy supports, incentives and port infrastructure development.**

**(b): Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Tourism have jointly appointed the consortium of three expert companies for 'Preparation of an Action Plan for the Development of Cruise Tourism in India'. The consultant has submitted the Report recommending inter alia, reforming the regulatory regime,**

**simplifying the procedures for immigration & custom clearances, tax incentives to cruise industry, capacity building, marketing, creation of cruise related infrastructure at the Ports etc.**

**(c): In the year 2017-18, total 139 Cruise ships visited India at six major ports namely, Mumbai Port, Mormugao Port, New Mangalore Port, Cochin Port, Chennai Port and Kolkata Port. As per the estimates given by the consultant in the report for various scenarios in case of low growth, mid growth and high growth, the number of cruise ship calls in the country are estimated to be at 219, 579 and 955 respectively by the year 2042-43.**

**(d): During the year 2017-18, a total of 1,62,660 cruise passengers visited India at six major ports namely, Mumbai Port, Chennai Port, Cochin Port, Kolkata Port, New Mangalore Port and Mormugao Port. As per the estimates given by the Consultant in the report for various scenarios, in case of low growth, mid growth and high growth, the cruise passenger numbers are likely to be 4.72 Lakh, 27.18 Lakh and 39.41 Lakh respectively, by the year 2042-43.**

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