

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2402
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF CRUISE TOURISM

2402. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1751 given in Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 2019 and state:

- (a) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for implementation of cruise tourism in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has recognized Cruise Tourism, as a “Niche” tourism product in order to promote India as a 365 days destination and attract tourists with specific interest. The steps taken to promote Cruise Tourism include developing appropriate infrastructure at ports for handling cruise vessels and facilitating ease of movement of passengers. Further 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. Separately, Ministry of Shipping & Ministry of Tourism has jointly appointed a consultant for ‘Preparation of Action Plan for Development of Cruise Tourism in India.

A Task Force on Cruise Tourism has been formed jointly by the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Shipping with representatives of all major ports and stakeholders for coordinated efforts to create an enabling ecosystem for the development of Cruise Tourism in India. The Task force meets regularly and the last meeting of the Task force was held on 17.05.2019.

A national roadmap for development of cruise tourism has been made through an internationally renowned consultant M/s Bermello Ajamil & Partners jointly engaged by Ministry of Tourism & Ministry of Shipping which has projected a possibility of phenomenal growth over 25 years in number of passengers from 0.2 million in 2016 to 4 million in 2041, increase in ship calls from 166 to 955 and passengers per ship from 1200 to 4100, employment potential of 2,50,000 persons from the existing 5000 persons and economic potential Rs.35,500 crores compared to Rs.712 crores in 2016.
