

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3449
ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024**

CRUISE TOURISM PROMOTION

3449. SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any specific plans or policies to promote cruise tourism in the country, and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to develop cruise terminals and allied infrastructure at major ports and tourist destinations across the country;**
- (c) whether the Government is collaborating with private stakeholders or international cruise operators to enhance India's presence in global cruise tourism and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the potential regions identified for cruise tourism development, including initiatives to promote coastal cities like Mangaluru as cruise tourism hubs; and**
- (e) the details of the number of tourists and revenue generated from cruise tourism during the last five years and the projected growth for the next decade?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): 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.

Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the Central Government Agencies for development of tourism, including Cruise Tourism and Cruising along rivers on receipt of complete proposals under the Scheme of 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' and under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, The details of projects sanctioned is placed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II.

Cruise Bharat Mission has been launched on 30th September, 2024 with the aim to provide whole of government approach by involving various Central and State Government agencies. Currently, Six Major Ports have cruise Terminals these are Vishakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh, Mormugao Port in Goa, New Mangalore Port in Karnataka, Cochin Port in Kerala, Mumbai Port in Maharashtra & Chennai Port in Tamil Nadu.

The footfall in Major Ports for the last 5 years i.e 1st April, 2019 till 31st March, 2024 is as below:

Year	Number of Passengers
2019-2020	4,74,999
2020-2021	593
2021-2022	1,35,919
2022-2023	4,26,842
2023-2024	4,71,685
Total	15,10,038

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3449 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING CRUISE TOURISM PROMOTION RAISED BY SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA****List of Projects sanctioned for infrastructure development at Ports and Waterways under the scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies****(Rs. in Lakh)**

S. No.	States/ UTs	Year	Name of Projects	Implementing Agency	Amount sanctioned
1	Tamil Nadu	2012-13	Cruise Passenger Facilities Centre in the existing Passenger Terminal at Chennai Port.	Chennai Port Trust	1724.66
2	Goa	2014-15	Cruise Terminal Building at Mormugao Port Trust	Mormugao Port trust	879.04
3	Kerala	2016-17	Development of a Walkway/Promenade on Willingdon Island, Cochin, Kerala	Cochin Port Trust	901.00
4	Kerala	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance for upgrading of Births & Backup area of Ernakulam Wharf	Cochin Port Trust	2141.00
5	Maharashtra	2016-17	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development of Kanoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination	Mumbai Port trust	1500.00
6	Maharashtra	2017-18	Up-gradation /modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	1250.00
7	Goa	2018-19	Improvement of	Mormugao	1316.40

			immigration facility and deepening of existing cruise berth at Mormugao	Port trust	
8	Kerala	2018-19	Developing infrastructure at Cochin Port Cruise Terminal.	Cochin Port Trust	120.79
9	Kerala	2018-19	Creation of additional tourism facilities at the Cochin Port Trust Walkway	Cochin Port Trust	466.47
10	Andhra Pradesh	2018-19	Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port	Visakhapatnam Port Trust	3850.00
11	Kerala	2019-20	CFA for Development of Additional infrastructure in the new Cochin Port Trust Terminal	Cochin Port Trust	1029.70
12.	Goa	2021-22	Creation of facilities for International and Domestic Cruise Vessels at Mormugao Port, Goa by Mormugao Port Trust (MPT)	Mormugao Port Trust	5000.00
13.	Maharashtra	2021-22	Upgradation/Modernisation to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	3750.00
	Total				23929.06

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3449 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024 REGARDING CRUISE TOURISM PROMOTION RAISED BY SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA****List of Projects sanctioned for Coastal Circuit and Cruise Project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Amount in ₹ crore)**

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2014-15	Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi -Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally	67.83
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Nellore, PulikatLake, Ublamadugu water falls, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Mypadu Beach, Ramatheertham	49.55
3.	Puducherry	2015-16	Development of Dubrayapet, Arikamedu China Veerampattinam, Chunnabmar, Nallavadu, Manapet, Kalapet, French Quarter, Tamil Quarter and Yanam	58.44
4.	West Bengal	2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai-Henry Island	67.99
5.	Maharashtra	2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit (Shiroda Beach, Sagarashwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Devgad (Fort & Beach), Mitbhav, Tondavali, Mocehmad and Nivati Fort).	19.06
6.	Goa	2016-17	Development of Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail.	97.65
7.	Odisha	2016-17	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara.	70.82

8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2016-17	Development of Long Island- Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island- Port Blair.	27.57
9.	Tamil Nadu	2016-17	Development of Chennai- Mamamallapuram- Rameshwaram- Kulasekaranpattinam- Kanyakumari	73.13
10.	Goa	2017-18	Development of Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula - Colva - Benaulim	99.35
11.	Kerala	2018-19	Development of Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project	57.35
	Total			688.74
