

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 312**  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023

**PLANS TO OPERATIONALISE CRUISE TERMINALS IN THE COUNTRY**

312. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the annual total number of cruise passengers in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government has started its first international cruise liner in the country aligning DekhoApnaDesh campaign reflecting Government's emphasis on promoting tourism;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has plans to operationalise cruise terminals in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The annual total number of cruise passengers in the country are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2021-22	1,35,919
2022-23	4,26,842
2023-24 (upto 31.10.2023)	1,75,164

(b) to (e) The Government has not started its own international cruise liner. However, International Cruise Line 'Costa Crociere' deployed their cruise ship M.V. Costa Serena home-porting from Mumbai Port, that was flagged off on 03.11.2023. Currently, seven Indian Cruise Ports, namely, Mumbai, Mormugao, New Managalore, Cochin, Chennai, Vizag and Shyama Prasad Mukherjee are welcoming cruise passengers with infrastructure that is operational round the year.

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