[16 December, 2002] RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Government do not propose to conduct such a survey for the present.

## Survey on sea terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka

2618. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sea travel is becoming increasingly popular in the country;
  - (b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard;
  - (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government have identified any potential cruise terminals in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Government propose to establish cruise terminals in coastal areas of Karnataka between Mangalore and Karwar; and
  - (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU.THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) it is felt that Major Ports at Mumbai, Mormugao, New Mangalore and Cochin have potential to attract cruise vessels. These Ports have been receiving cruise vessels for the last few years.
- (e) and (f) The Major Port at New Mangalore has plans to modernize/ establish passenger terminal which can be used for cruise vessels.