

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER SHIP SERVICE BETWEEN MUMBAI AND KARACHI

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a passenger ship service is proposed to be introduced between Mumbai and Karachi;
- (b) if so, whether any talks have been held or proposed to be held in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c) In technical level talks on Shipping between India and Pakistan held in Karachi during 8-10 December, 2005, Pakistan side indicated the need for starting ferry service between Mumbai and Karachi. Indian side requested the Pakistani side to forward a viable proposal for consideration. No proposal has been received from Pakistan as yet.