

**High Commission of India  
Colombo**

**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

High Commission of India, Colombo invites proposals for a research study on the commercial, trade, connectivity and tourism potential of ferry service between Kankesanthurai (KKS) in Sri Lanka and Karaikal in India. The research study needs to specifically focus on:

- i) Trade potential of cargo ferry service between KKS in Sri Lanka and Karaikal in India;
- ii) The various goods and services that could be exported through the ferry service between the two harbours;
- iii) Potential for development of new industries or expansion of the existing industries in nearby areas on both sides after initiation of the ferry service;
- iv) Tourism potential of the passenger ferry service from the point of view of both Sri Lankan and Indian tourists;
- v) Facilitating the travel of Sri Lankan as well as Indian pilgrims from both sides by use of ferry service as an alternate means of transport;
- vi) Other relevant aspects including commercial, trade, connectivity potential of KKS with other Indian harbours.

2. The proposed research could be undertaken by both individuals and organizations. A proposal, detailing the general approach to the research study, is to be submitted initially. This proposal shall be given weightage in the selection process. Extant Government of India norms will apply in the selection process. All proposals may be sent to **pic.colombo@mea.gov.in** and **info.colombo@mea.gov.in** with a copy to **dhc.colombo@mea.gov.in**.

3. Time limit for completion of the research study should not exceed eight weeks from the date of issuance of approval by the High Commission. The High Commission reserves the right to reject any proposal at any stage and to suitably modify the study for making it more meaningful. Clarifications, if any, in this regard may be sought from email ids above.

4. Last date for submission of proposal is **12 October 2022**.

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