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India's Union Cabinet on Wednesday has approved a proposal for a passenger ferry service between India and Sri Lanka to revive the old linkages that existed between the two countries, the Hindu reported.

Indian Union Shipping Minister G.K. Vasan has said that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to be signed soon between New Delhi and Colombo to provide a joint mechanism for passenger transportation between the two countries.

India has recently completed negotiations on the MoU for resuming ferry services, both from Colombo to Tuticorin and Thalaimannar to Rameswaram, India's External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said during his recent visit to Sri Lanka.

Initially, the ferry service between Tuticorin and Colombo will be started and the Thalaimannar to Rameswaram service will be added later. The old pier at Thalaimannar will be rebuilt with the Indian assistance.

India's Ministry of Shipping has reportedly directed the Tuticorin Port Trust to build the infrastructure necessary to begin the ferry service.

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