



Ship Fact Sheet



KISTNA (1888)

Base data at 24 June 1914. Compiled November 2008

* indicates entries changed during P&O Group service.

Type	Passenger/cargo liner
P&O Group service	1914-1921
P&O Group status	Owned by subsidiary company
Former names(s)	
Registered owners, managers and operators	British India Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Builders	Ailsa Shipbuilding Co.
Yard	Troon
Country	UK
Yard number	5
Registry	
Official number	95078
Signal letters	KTLR
Call sign	
Classification society	Lloyd's Register
Gross tonnage	1,115 grt
Net tonnage	481 nrt
Deadweight	1,300 tons
Length	73.21m (240.2ft)
Breadth	10.12m (33.2ft)
Depth	5.03m (16.5ft)
Draught	5.120m (16ft 8in)
Engines	Triple-expansion steam engine
Engine builders	David Rowan & Son
Works	Glasgow
Country	UK
Power	2,220 ihp
Propulsion	Single screw
Speed	13 knots
Passenger capacity	26 first class, 22 second class, 1,229 deck passengers
Cargo capacity	
Crew	
Employment*	Zanzibar/Lamu/Aden service

Career

- 14.06.1888: Launched.
 08.1888: Completed.
 14.08.1888: Registered as *Kistna* for British India Steam Navigation Company.
 1888: Her maiden voyage opened a direct service between London and Zanzibar, taking cargo without trans-shipment to that island via Malta, Suez, Aden and Mombasa. The service proved to be unsuccessful and was withdrawn.
- 12.1889: Became the headquarters ship for Prince Albert Victor as he moved from Madras to Rangoon and Calcutta during the course of his Indian tour.
- 1890/1902: Sailing both on the Arakan and the Persian Gulf mail runs.
 1903: Transferred to Penang for a new weekly express service to Singapore via Port Swettenham.
- 12.1910: Collided with the wharf at Port Swettenham whilst berthing.
 1911: Returned to the Arakan coast to relieve the *Lama*.
 12.1913: Ran aground in Andrew Bay.
- 24.06.1914: Takeover of British India Steam Navigation Company by The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company agreed.
- 25.01.1921: Sold to shipbreakers at Bombay for Rs 48,000 and was broken up in the summer of that year.

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