DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI
(COORDINATION BRANCH DGS MUMBAI)

F.No.12-24012/1/2024-COORD-DGS(29273) **Date: 27.05.2026**

Subject: Suo Moto disclosure of information of Directorate General of Shipping under Section 4 of RTI Act, 2005.

With reference to the email dated 04.05.2026 received from the RTI Branch on the subject mentioned above w.r.to Point 4.7, I am directed to forward herewith a PDF document containing the input material/details furnished to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in response to Parliamentary Questions raised during the period from July 2025 to March 2026.

27/5/26

(Debansu Prasad Sinha)
Executive Officer (Coordination)

Encl: As above.

To,
RTI Branch

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S678 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Losses of livelihood to fishermen due to ship accidents.

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S678 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Losses of livelihood to fishermen due to ship accidents.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 10.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the Kerala High Court's judgment recognizing fishermen's losses due to the MSC ELSA 3 and MV WAN HAI 503 incidents as economic losses under the Admiralty Act, 2017;

Reply:- Union of India is one of the Respondents in WP (PIL) No 50 and 60 of 2025 filed before the Kerala High Court seeking compensation for economic losses of fisherman. The Honourable High Court vide order dated 12th June 2025 suggested that the Kerala State Government can file an Admiralty suit to recover the losses from the owner of the vessel under Section 3 of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017 (Act of 2017), the Kerala High Court has jurisdiction in respect of the maritime claim. The State Government has confirmed its decision to file the Admiralty Suit before the High Court on 19th June 2025 and Court has taken the submission on record and directed the State to defer the negotiations with the Owners for settlement of claims. The matter is sub-judice and hearing is ongoing. High Court did not give any judgement in this matter till date.

Further, it has been brought to the Notice of the Central Government that, based on the decision conveyed by the Kerala State Government before the High Court in the WP (PIL) No. 50 and 60 of 2025, an admiralty suit, being Adml.S. No. 12 of 2025, has been instituted before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in relation to the MSC ELSA 3 incident seeking compensation of Rs.9531 crore and to file a security for the claimed amount . In the related matter of State of Kerala v. MSC Akiteta II & Ors, the Kerala High Court has passed two orders dated 07.07.2025 and 10.07.2025, respectively. The ship owners have argued before the High Court that the oil sheen around the ship

was completely removed by the ship owners and suit is not maintainable and the claim amount is exaggerated for want of supporting documents. Since the Company could not produce security for the amount claimed in Admiralty Suite, the Court has directed that the sister vessel, MSC Akiteta II, shall remain under arrest until 06.08.2025, which is the next date fixed for hearing. The matter is sub-judice at present..

(b) Whether the Government has initiated recovery of compensation from the vessel owners as ordered by the Court;

Reply:- No. Kerala State Government filed an Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Kerala High Court for recovery of compensation of Rs. 9531 crores. Since the owners could not produce security for the said amount the High Court has directed that the sister vessel, MSC Akiteta II, shall remain under arrest until 06.08.2025. The matter is sub-judice.

(c) Whether the Government plans to establish a central "Coastal Victims Compensation and Restoration Fund" as requested by petitioners in a PIL;

Reply:- No specific plans at this stage. The matter is sub-judice.

(d) The timeline within which a structured compensation scheme for fishermen affected by maritime accidents will be implemented;

Reply:- No information available with this directorate.

Yours faithfully

15/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred

Implementation of Bills of Lading Act,2025 and Andhra Pradesh's Port Infrastructure. S641

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Respected sir,

Please find the attached file on the above subject.

Thanks regards,

(PL. Muthu)
Assistant Director General of Shipping (I/C)
DG Secretariat

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F No 15-22011/1/2021-MSL-DGS (C No 7217) Dated 11.07.2025

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Transport Bhawan,
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[Attn: Shri P. Chhabra, Consultant]

Sub: Provisionally admitted for the Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Diary No.: S641 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Implementation of Bills of Lading Act,2025 and Andhra Pradesh's Port Infrastructure.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Ministry's email dated 10.07.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject.

2. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate on the above question are as below:

(a) Whether the provisions of the Bills of Lading Act,2025 will be operationalized at all major and minor ports in Andhra Pradesh:

The Bills of Lading (Bill), 2025 was passed in the Lok Sabha on 10th March 2025 and is pending in the Rajya Sabha for the Monsoon Session. Once notified, the Act will apply to all major and minor ports across India including Visakhapatnam and Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh, since the provisions of the Bill do not make any explicit reference to or distinction between its applicability to major and minor ports.

(b) **If yes, whether training or capacity-building modules are planned for port officials and exporters;**

Clause 5 of the Bill, empowers the Central Government to issue directions for the implementation of the Bill. This would typically include multi-tier training (officials, exporters) and digital system rollouts coordinated with MoPSW. Any directions issued under this Bill will however have to fall within the scope of its provisions. Thus, any such training and capacity-building modules for port officials and exporters will have to be directly related to the successful implementation of the provisions of this Bill.

(c) **The expected impact on trade logistics in Visakhapatnam and Kakinada ports?**

The Bill of Lading Bill 2024 retains the substantive provisions of the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856. The Bill simplifies the language of the substantive provisions and in addition to certain standard provisions, adds the power of the Central Government to issue directions.
Owing to simplification of language of the provisions under the Bill, it is expected that it will lead to easier processes related to transactions involving bills-of-lading, reduce legal disputes, and bring clarity about the rights and liabilities emanating from bills of lading. This is in turn expected to benefit consignees, shippers and carriers. Central Government's directions as per the power under the Bill may include digital integration likely via port community systems enhancing ease and speed of export operations.

3. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Yours faithfully,

11/07/2025

(P.L. MUTHU)
Assistant Director General of Shipping (I/c) (MSL)

PQ. 2814

Lok Sabha Provisionally Unstarred Admitted Question: Diary No. : 2814 for answer on 25.07.2025 regarding Capsizing of MSC Elsa 3..

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Unstarred Admitted Question: Diary No. : 2814 for answer on 25.07.2025 regarding Capsizing of MSC Elsa 3..

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 14.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the systemic lapses revealed by the capsizing of the foreign-flagged vessel MSC Elsa 3 near Kochi, and if so, the findings thereof;

Reply: A statutory Preliminary Inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, a field office of the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident.

b) Whether India lacks tier I and tier III emergency response infrastructure for oil and chemical spills along its coastline, and if so, the reasons therefor;

Reply: The tier I and tier III emergency response is under the purview of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), as they are the nodal agency under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961. [Status to be confirmed by the Indian Coast Guard]

c) Whether the Directorate General of Shipping (DSG) has exempted foreign-flagged transshipment vessels from coastal trade licensing and age limits under DGS Order 2023, and the rationale behind such exemptions, and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: This is Ministry's order (General Order no. 1, 2 & 3 of 2018), DGS has nil input.

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d) Whether minimum emergency preparedness standards including ocean going tugs and containment systems have been mandated for major Indian ports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor

Reply: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has positioned two Ocean Going Tugs for Emergency towing in Mumbai and Chennai through the Directorate General of Shipping. These tugs are chartered by Mumbai Port Authority and Chennai Port Authority. Accordingly, the Ministry has made provision for Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) on both the east and west coast. The Ministry has planned to mandate ETVs in other major ports also. A draft Merchant Shipping Notice has also been uploaded on the DGS website on 27.06.2025 to invite comments and suggestions from stakeholders as part of the consultation process. All the Major Ports have Tier-I Oil Spill Response equipment's for responding to Oil spills in the respective ports.

e) Whether the Government plans to accede to the IMO's Bunker Convention, HNS Convention, and Wreck Removal Convention, and the timeline for the same?

Reply: The draft Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, incorporates the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunker Convention) and the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007. It may be noted that the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention) is yet to enter into force internationally.

Yours faithfully

16/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Pa. U83

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: U83 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck incident

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: U83 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck incident.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 10.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the government is conducting any enquiry into the sinking of the MSC ELSA 3 ship, approximately 13 nautical miles off the coast of Kerala, on May 25,2025;

Reply:- Yes. A statutory Preliminary inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, a field office under the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident..

(b) If yes, whether the government has taken any criminal proceedings against the shipping company;

Reply:- The preliminary inquiry is currently ongoing. The report of the inquiry is awaited. Hence, no action has been initiated yet against the shipping company.

(c) If yes, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this directorate.

(d) If not, the reasons thereof;

Reply:- As the inquiry into the underlying causal factors remains in progress, any further proceedings may be considered only upon the conclusion of the internal investigation and receipt of the final findings.

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(e) Whether the government has given compensation to the fishing community residing in the region;

Reply:- It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman. In this regard, Kerala State Government filed an Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the High Court of Kerala seeking compensation from the shipping company for the fishing community. The Matter is sub-judice.

(f) If yes, details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this directorate.

Yours faithfully

16/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

PQ. S723

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S723 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Scrapping Vessel more that 20 years old

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S723 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Scrapping Vessel more that 20 years old.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 10.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the government has proposed or is implementing a plan to mandate the scrapping of merchant vessels more than 20 years old;

Reply:- The Government has not mandated the scrapping of all merchant vessels over 20 years of age. However, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had issued Order No. 6 of 2023, introducing age-based cut-off norms for registration and continued operation of Indian-flagged vessels. This regulatory measure aims to gradually phase out older, less efficient, and environmentally substandard vessels in alignment with India's commitment to fleet modernization, maritime safety, and global decarbonisation goals.

(b) If so, the details of such a plan, including criteria, timeliness and incentives for scrapping;

Reply:- The DGS Order sets out indicative age limits for different categories of vessels for new registration under the Indian flag - such as 25 years for gas carriers, chemical tankers etc., and 20 years for oil tankers, bulk carriers etc,. The policy does not mandate scrapping but discourages prolonged operation of aging vessels through registration restrictions, with implementation proposed in a phased manner.

(c) Whether the Government has received representations or concerns from the shipping industry about the impact of such a policy and the steps taken to address these comcerns;

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Reply:- Yes, the Government has received representations from several industry associations expressing concerns over the potential impact of the policy on Indian tonnage. In response, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways commissioned a study by IIM Indore to assess the implications of the age norms. Based on the findings and stakeholder feedback, the DGS is now working on refining the policy through performance-linked mechanisms such as the Sustainability Indexing of Ships (SIS) framework - a voluntary, performance-based compliance model. This will ensure a balanced approach - promoting competitiveness, fleet renewal, and green transition, while addressing industry concerns through pragmatic and data-backed interventions.

Yours faithfully

16/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

PQ. 392

Lok Sabha provisionally Unstarred admitted question dairy no.392 to be answer on 21.07.2025 regarding Phasing Out of Fossil Fuel based Boats.

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F.No.- 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (31839) **Date:- 16.07.2025**

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 15.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is aware that boats run by petrol-diesel leads to water and noise pollution and have adverse impact on birds and aqua ecology;

Reply:- As under.

(b) Whether any assessment have been made regarding environmental impact of such boats and if so, major outcomes of the same;

Reply:- As under.

(c) Whether there are any rules of restrictions on using these boats in bird sanctuaries and ecologically sensitive areas, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- As under.

(d) Whether the Government is considering to promote phasing out of fossil fuel based boats with solar boats in phased manner;

Reply:- As under.

(e) The details of recognised boat places list in the country including the number and type (manual or machine) boats being used in each of such places along with the type of fuel used in such boats;

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Reply:- The above matter pertains to the operation of boats in ecologically sensitive areas, including inland water bodies such as rivers, canals, wetlands, and sanctuaries, where such activities may have environmental implications. Boats operating in these areas are generally classified as inland vessels and are governed by the provisions of the Inland Vessels Act.

Hence, it is requested that the requisite inputs and detailed information may be obtained from the Inland Waterways Authority of India, being the competent authority in this matter.

Yours faithfully

16/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Pa. S649

Parliament Question no. S649 regarding indigenous shipbuilding, manufacturing, and maintenance hub in Konkan for 22.07.2025.

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Parliament Question no. S649 regarding indigenous shipbuilding, manufacturing, and maintenance hub in Konkan for 22.07.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 10.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether Indian shipyards are highly dependent on foreign supplies, leading to higher production costs and longer construction time;

Reply:- As under reply b.

(b) Whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive plan to develop domestic manufacturing capacity for key raw materials for shipbuilding by leveraging the position of major shipping hub like Konkan;

Reply:- India's shipbuilding industry remains heavily dependent on imports for a wide range of machinery and systems. These include propulsion engines, generators, purifiers, boilers, incinerators, etc as well as various navigation and communication equipment such as Inmarsat-C, VHF/HF radios, EPIRBs, SARTs, GPS receivers, etc. and specialized steel plates, among others. This dependence stems from either limited or non-existent domestic manufacturing capabilities, which in turn leads to higher costs due to import duties, logistics, longer procurement timelines, and exposure to global supply chain disruptions.

To address this challenge and reduce import dependency, the Government of India is undertaking several key initiatives:

1. Development of Shipbuilding Clusters – Promoting the creation of regional clusters to generate sustained demand for ancillary industries and support domestic manufacturing ecosystems.

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2. Extension of Basic Customs Duty Exemption – Continuing the exemption on raw materials, parts, and components used in shipbuilding for an additional ten years to incentivize local production.

3. Establishment of the Maritime Development Fund – A dedicated fund with a corpus of ₹25,000 crore to provide long-term financing support for the growth and modernization of the maritime industry.

(c) The details of the proposed initiatives to boost domestic supply chain and indigenous production of high-tech marine components in Konkan under the 'Make in India';

Reply:- No information available with this directorate.

Yours faithfully

16/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

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Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No 44 on "Environmental Impact of Sinking of Hazardous Cargo in Indian Sea" due for reply on 21st July, 2025.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the potential leakage of hazardous cargo, chemicals, or oil from sunken or damaged foreign-flagged container vessels in Indian waters, including the MSC Elsa 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- Yes. The Directorate General of Shipping is aware of maritime incidents involving foreign-flagged vessels such as MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503. In the case of MSC ELSA 3, the container vessel carrying 643 containers sank approximately 13 nautical miles off the Alappuzha coast on 25.05.2025 while carrying various categories of IMDG cargo (under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code) in 13 containers including hazardous materials and marine fuels. Due to proactive measures taken by the Indian Coast Guard, DG Shipping and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners Oil spill from the sunken vessel prevented. All the fuel tank openings have been sealed by the divers. Light oil sheen noticed at the surface has been dispersed by the standby vessel at the site and due to natural phenomenon of wave action. Total of 66 containers washed ashore so far. All the 66 containers have been recovered by the agency appointed by the Ship owners. None of the 66 containers were having hazardous cargoes hence there is no damage or hazard reported so far. Plastic nurdles washed ashore from damaged containers are being collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm with the help of local volunteers provided by the Kerala State Government. So far around 540 MT of plastic nurdles are collected from the Kerala Coast and South Tamil Nadu coast. The Directorate has been monitoring developments closely and coordinating the salvage operations and has also issued necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal for MSC Elsa 3 and containment of potential pollution.

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In the case of MV Wan Hai 503, the container vessel suffered a fire and explosions approximately 44 nautical miles off the coast of Azhikkal on 09.06.2025. The Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy, DG Shipping and other concerned authorities have taken proactive measures to contain and mitigate any potential environmental risks. The salvors boarded the vessel and fire has been contained considerably. The containers were damaged substantially due to the continued fire for several days. In order to prevent any risk to the Indian coast the ship was moved out of the Indian EEZ. At present there is no danger or hazard due to the Fire incident onboard MV Wan Hai 503.

The owners are trying to get a Port of Refuge for removal of fuel oil and damaged containers from the vessel. They are yet to get any confirmation.

(b) Whether the Government has conducted or initiated a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) following the sinking of a container ship MV Wan Hai 503 off the coast of Kannur, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(c) Whether the Government has a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with environmental emergencies resulting from maritime accidents such as oil spills, chemical leaks, and plastic pellet dispersal, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply:- Yes. The Directorate General of Shipping has issued a Standard Operating Procedure titled "SOP to Handle Marine Casualty 2021", which outlines the response framework for incidents involving shipwreck, oil spills, and other marine casualties. In addition, the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP), administered by the Indian Coast Guard, serves as the national framework for oil spill response. The Indian Coast Guard is designated as the Central Coordinating Authority, and the response in this regard may kindly be obtained from them, as the matter falls within their mandate.

(d) Whether the Government has invoked the polluter-pays principle to ensure that the responsible shipping companies bear the full cost of environmental restoration, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply:- In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims.

The Directorate is aware of the suits filed in relation to claims for the cost of environmental restoration arising from the incidents. The application of the polluter-pays principle also falls within the purview of the Hon'ble Court, which will consider the same based on the merits of the case and in accordance with applicable legal provisions. It is submitted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the vessel owners. Additionally, two matters are presently under consideration before the National Green Tribunal

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(NGT), one relating to MSC ELSA 3 (O.A. No. 270 of 2025, Principal Bench, New Delhi) and another concerning MV Wan Hai 305 (O.A. No. 97 of 2025, Southern Zone, Chennai), where the Tribunal has taken suo motu cognizance of the incidents.

(e) The total number of cases, such as oil spills, chemical leaks etc. registered under the Environmental Protection Act in the country during the last three years and the current year;

Reply:- Not Applicable. With respect to the records of cases registered under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, this Directorate does not maintain information or records pertaining to cases registered under the said Act.

Additional Information:

The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. S703 for answer on 21.07.2025 regarding Meetings of the Programme Implementation Committee not being conducted on regular basis.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether Programme Implementation Committee has been constituted in various districts across the country;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Whether guidelines have been laid down by the department for conducting regular meetings of these committees constituted at the district level, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether the meetings have not been held in many districts of the country as per the prescribed guidelines;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(d) The steps being taken by Government for conducting regular meetings of the district level Programme Implementation Committee;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Lok Sabha tentatively Admitted Starred Question D.No. 1121 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding assistance to shipwreck.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 16.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Has the State Government of Kerala submitted any report or request for assistance regarding the recent shipwreck;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Will the Central Government provide financial or logistical assistance to Kerala in managing the environmental and economic impact of the shipwreck;

Reply:- Not applicable.

As per the International norms, the ships are required to have protection and indemnity insurance for third party liabilities which includes oil pollution damage and wreck removal. The container ship MSC ELSA 3 which sank 13 nautical miles off Kerala coast was having a valid insurance cover from P&I Club M/s North Standard. Accordingly, Claims Desks have been established for MSC ELSA 3 wreck by the vessel owners and the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s. North Standard in Kochi, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims. Further, it may be kindly noted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking compensation, including for economic losses to affected stakeholders. The matter is currently sub-judice. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fishermen.

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(c) What immediate steps has the Government taken to assess the environmental risks posed by the shipwreck;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate. (See additional information below)

(d) Has or will any central agency be deployed to investigate the cause and impact of the shipwreck;

Reply:- Yes. A statutory inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident.

Additional Information regarding interim compensation:

The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen in the coastal districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, and Ernakulam.

Additional information regarding measures taken to prevent damage to the environment:

MSC ELSA 3, the container vessel carrying 643 containers sank approximately 13 nautical miles off the Alappuzha coast on 25.05.2025 while carrying various categories of IMDG cargo (under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code) in 13 containers including hazardous materials and marine fuels. Due to proactive measures taken by the Indian Coast Guard, DG Shipping and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners Oil spill from the sunken vessel prevented. All the fuel tank openings have been sealed by the divers. Light oil sheen noticed at the surface has been dispersed by the standby vessel at the site and due to natural phenomenon of wave action. Total of 66 containers washed ashore so far. All the 66 containers have been recovered by the agency appointed by the Ship owners. None of the 66 containers were having hazardous cargoes hence there is no damage or hazard reported so far. Plastic nurdles washed ashore from damaged containers are being collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm with the help of local volunteers provided by the Kerala State Government. So far around 540 MT of plastic nurdles are collected from the Kerala Coast and South Tamil Nadu coast. The Directorate has been monitoring developments closely and coordinating the salvage operations and has also issued necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal for MSC Elsa 3 and containment of potential pollution.

Yours faithfully

18/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Diary No. U1494, S2004, S2104 to be answered on 24.07.2025 regarding Cruise Tourism in Bharat.

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(a) The steps undertaken by the ministry to boost cruise tourism in Bharat;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) The details of the Cruise Bharat Mission and how is the mission being implemented;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The role of the Cruise Bharat Mission in boosting the tremendous potential of cruise tourism in the country;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

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Lok Sabha STARRED Question Dy. No. 644 (Revised 1) due for answer on 22.07.2025 regarding Economic Nationalism

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(a) The steps taken by the Government to promote economic nationalism through strengthening domestic supply chains;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Whether the Government has taken measures to incentivize industries to prefer domestic suppliers over marginally cheaper imports;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) If so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

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Unstarred Parliament Question with Dy No. 1157 regarding Fisheries Crisis in Kerala.

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(a) Whether the Government is aware of the fisheries crisis along the coast of Kerala, following accidents involving the cargo vessel MSC ELSA 3 and the container ship MV Wan Hai 503;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(b) If so the steps has been taken by the government in this regard;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(c) The estimated loss of damage for the fishermen due to these accidents, including the loss of fishing gears and loss of livelihood for considerable number of days;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(d) Whether the Government has any plans to provide any sort of compensation for the loss of livelihood to the fishermen due to accidents;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

However, it may be kindly noted that in this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s. North Standard M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection

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(e) Whether it is in the notice of the Government the fact that six marine mammal carcasses- four dolphins and two whales have washed ashore on the Alappuzha coast, and has ministry carried out any study in this regard;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

Additional Information:

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Unstarred Parliament Question with Dy No. 936 regarding Impact of Maritime Disasters on Fishing Communities and Marine Resources in Kerala.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 14.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the disruption to fishing activities caused to fisherfolk following the sinking of MSC Elsa 3 and the fire on MV Wan Hai 503 off the Kerala coast, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(b) Whether the Government is ready to provide financial support/relief for fishermen and fisherfolk in light of the these incidents, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

It may be kindly noted that in this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman.

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(c) Whether the Government has received any representation form the State Government of Kerala to provide compensation to the fishermen who lost their livelihood due to the incidents;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman.

However, it may be noted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking compensation, including for economic losses to affected stakeholders. The matter is currently sub-judice.

(d) Whether the Government is coordinating with experts to assess the long-term impact of these incidents on the quality and safety of edible marine species and the ecological sustainability of traditional fishing grounds, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(e) Whether the Government has conducted or supported any scientific assessment of the impact of plastic nurdle contamination, hazardous cargo leakage, or ecosystem degradation on fish stocks, breeding grounds and livelihood of coastal fishing communities, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(f) Whether the Government proposes any restoration measures in this regard;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(g) Whether the Government has any plans to ensure accountability, clean-up and long term marine biodiversity protection in affected zones;

Reply:- Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate

Additional Information:

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Rajya Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 314 for Answer on 22.07.2025 regarding MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck incident.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 16.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the government is conducting any enquiry into the sinking of the MSC ELSA 3 ship, approximately 13 nautical miles off the coast of Kerala, on May 25,2025;

Reply:- Yes. A statutory Preliminary inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, a field office under the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident..

(b) If yes, whether the government has taken any criminal proceedings against the shipping company;

Reply:- The preliminary inquiry is currently ongoing. The report of the inquiry is awaited. Hence, no action has been initiated yet against the shipping company.

(c) If yes, the details thereof and If not, the reasons thereof;

Reply:- As the inquiry into the underlying causal factors remains in progress, any further proceedings may be considered only upon the conclusion of the internal investigation and receipt of the final findings.

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(d) Whether the government has given compensation to the fishing community residing in the region;

Reply:- It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman. In this regard, Kerala State Government filed an Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the High Court of Kerala seeking compensation from the shipping company for the fishing community. The Matter is sub-judice.

(e) If yes, details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this directorate.

Yours faithfully

21/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 974 for Answer on 25.07.2025 regarding Capsizing of MSC Elsa 3.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 974 for Answer on 25.07.2025 regarding Capsizing of MSC Elsa 3.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 21.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the systemic lapses revealed by the capsizing of the foreign-flagged vessel MSC Elsa 3 near Kochi, and if so, the findings thereof;

Reply: A statutory Preliminary Inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, a field office of the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident.

b) Whether India lacks tier I and tier III emergency response infrastructure for oil and chemical spills along its coastline, and if so, the reasons therefor;

Reply: The tier I and tier III emergency response is under the purview of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), as they are the nodal agency under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961. [Status to be confirmed by the Indian Coast Guard]

c) Whether the Directorate General of Shipping (DSG) has exempted foreign-flagged transshipment vessels from coastal trade licensing and age limits under DGS Order 2023, and the rationale behind such exemptions, and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: This is Ministry's order (General Order no. 1, 2 & 3 of 2018), DGS has nil input.

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d) Whether minimum emergency preparedness standards including ocean going tugs and containment systems have been mandated for major Indian ports, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has positioned two Ocean Going Tugs for Emergency towing in Mumbai and Chennai through the Directorate General of Shipping. These tugs are chartered by Mumbai Port Authority and Chennai Port Authority. Accordingly, the Ministry has made provision for Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) on both the east and west coast. The Ministry has planned to mandate ETVs in other major ports also. A draft Merchant Shipping Notice has also been uploaded on the DGS website on 27.06.2025 to invite comments and suggestions from stakeholders as part of the consultation process. All the Major Ports have Tier-I Oil Spill Response equipment's for responding to Oil spills in the respective ports.

e) Whether the Government plans to accede to the IMO's Bunker Convention, HNS Convention, and Wreck Removal Convention, and the timeline for the same?

Reply: The draft Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, incorporates the International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage, 2001 (Bunker Convention) and the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007. It may be noted that the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS Convention) is yet to enter into force internationally.

Yours faithfully

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Rajya Sabha provisionally Unstarred admitted question dairy no. 1606 to be answer on 24.07.2025 regarding Ocean and Air Pollution Mitigation.

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Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally Unstarred admitted question dairy no. 1606 to be answer on 24.07.2025 regarding Ocean and Air Pollution Mitigation.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether Government is taking steps to protect ocean health from climate change and pollution, and if so, the details, if not, the reasons;

Reply:- India is a signatory to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) Convention, and all Indian ships comply with Annex VI regulations, including the Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII). Progressive implementation is ensured.

(b) Whether Government is implementing measures to reduce pollution affecting ocean health from industrial and coastal activities, and if so, the details, if not, the reasons;

Reply:- As stated above, Indian ports and ships are required to comply with MARPOL provisions on the prevention of pollution by Sewage (Annex IV) and Garbage (Annex V). Port reception facilities have been established for the safe discharge and treatment of ship-generated waste, including sewage, plastics, food waste, and other garbage.

Note: The above information is provided from the shipping sector perspective, although the questions raised are primarily addressed to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Yours faithfully

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 2769 "Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy" to be answered on 25.07.2025

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 2769 "Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy" to be answered on 25.07.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 21.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether both public and private shipyards are eligible under the proposed Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) 2.0, if so, the details of types of vessels to be covered under SBFAP 2.0;

Reply: SBFAP 2.0 is being finalised, hence details are not yet available.

b) The number and type of ships constructed along with the financial assistance received by individual shipyards under the previous policy;

Reply: Ship Building financial assistance of INR 499.61 crore has been disbursed as financial assistance for 177 vessels. Shipyard wise number of vessels financed under SBFAP is given.

Name of the shipyard	Number of ships financed under SBFAP
AH Wadia Boat Builders	1
AC Roy & Company	4
AC Roy Shipbuilders Pvt. Ltd.	23
Atreya Shipyard Private Limited	4
Chowgule & Company Private Limited	14
Cochin Shipyard Limited	22

Dempo Shipbuilding and Engineering Private Limited	1
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited	1
Goa Shipyard Limited	4
Mandovi Drydocks	42
Praka Engineering Shipyard	2
San Marine	1
Sembmarine Kakinada Limited	2
Shoft Shipyard Private Limited	26
Sunrich Ship Management Private Limited	1
Synergy Shipbuilders	3
Titagarh Wagons Limited	2
Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited	5
Victoria Shipbuilding and Engineering LLP	1
Vijai Marine Services	15
Waterways Shipyard Private Limited	1
Zuari Shipyard Private Limited	2

Vessels like Tugs, General cargo vessel, Bulk carrier, Oil Tanker, crane pontoon, heavy deck cargo vessel, RO-RO pax vessel, crew boat, deck loading craft, coastal research vessel, modular pontoon, passenger catamaran, passenger cum motor cycle ferry, passsenger ferry, landing craft , Auto barge self propelled, jack-up barge and self elevating platform have been delivered and subsequently received financial assistance under the current SBFAP.

c) Whether shipyards that benefited from the earlier scheme secured any export orders, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, 142 number of export vessels have been granted in-principal approvals under SBFAP, of which, 19 ships have already been delivered and subsequently received financial assistance. These ships have been exported to several European countries, UAE, Guyana, Mauritius and others.

d) Whether the Government has assessed the reasons for limited uptake of the earlier scheme, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Government of India has approved the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy for Indian Shipyards on 9th December 2015 for grant of financial assistance to Indian Shipyards for shipbuilding contracts signed between April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026.

The scheme faced the following hurdles in its implementation: -

1. While the policy was being drafted, major shipyards like Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited, ABG Shipyard, Bharati Shipyard, Tebma Shipyard Limited etc were functional and several ships were under construction. These shipyards constituted bulk of the commercial shipbuilding capability of India. However, due to various issues, these yards underwent insolvency proceedings under NCLT, thus bringing down the shipbuilding capability of the country by more than half.

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2. COVID and its aftereffects has led to high lead time in shipbuilding due to very low production volumes from 2020-2022.

3. It may be noted that ship construction takes longer duration, hence even though the policy was released in 2016, the first application for financial approval was received in Jan 2018. Hence, in the initial 1.5 years no funds were disbursed.

It may be noted that under the present SBFAP scheme, approvals for financial assistance are granted in two stages. In the first stage, shipbuilder applies for an in-principal approval (within a specified time) after signing a shipbuilding contract. At the second stage, shipbuilder applies for financial assistance upon delivery of the vessel to the shipowner. It may be noted that as per the SBFAP guidelines, the shipbuilder is provided a timeline of 3 years for a non-specialized vessel contract with up to two vessel to deliver ships. Accordingly, though the expenditure as on date is 499.61 crore, however, anticipated financial assistance arising out of ships which have been granted in-principal approval is 2753.3 crore.

With the help of SBFAP, several Indian Shipyards including, Chowgule and Co. Pvt. Ltd., Cochin Shipyard Limited, Mazagaon Dockyard Limited, GRSE, Goa Shipyard Limited and others have been able to receive export orders while competing with foreign shipyards thus winning global competitive orders.

e) Whether the revised policy includes measures to incentivize technological upgradation, automation and domestic sourcing of materials to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian shipyards and if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

Reply: as on date, this information is not available with the Directorate.

f) The current status of Cabinet approval for SBFAP 2.0 and the expected timeline for its rollout;

Reply: as on date, this information is not available with the Directorate.

g) The steps being taken to promote shipbuilding in underserved coastal regions;

Reply: as on date, this information is not available with the Directorate.

Yours faithfully

23/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. No. 2600 to be answered on 25.07.2025 regarding Sagarmala Skill Development for Coastal Youth.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the Government has implemented any skill development programmes aimed specifically at coastal youth for employment opportunities in shipping, logistics, marine services and allied sectors;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

b) If so, the number of individuals trained and placed under the Sagarmala Skill Development Program (SSDP) or related initiatives since inception;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

c) Whether the Government has partnered with private port operators, or maritime training institutes to design industry-aligned curriculum and certification models; if so, the details thereof;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

d) Whether any region-specific programmes have been launched for eastern coastal districts, particularly in States with lower port-led industrialization outcomes, and if so, the details thereof along with the outcomes observed so far;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No.- 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (31839) **Date:- 23.07.2025**

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1111 for Answer on 25.07.2025 regarding vessel related accident.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 21.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of recent ship or vessel-related accidents that occurred in the offshore areas of Kerala;

Reply:- Yes, the Government is aware of recent ship or vessel-related accidents that occurred off the shore area of Kerala.

(b) If so, the details of such incidents reported during the last one year, including the date, location, nature of accident and loss of life, property or environmental damage caused;

Reply:- The following ship or vessel-related incidents were reported particularly off the coast of Kerala within the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone, during the last one year.

1. 13 May 2024 – *SAGAR YUVRAJ* (Cargo Vessel, India):
Location: Kerala Coast (10°33.800N, 075°48.640E)
Incident: Collision with a wooden fishing boat
Remarks: Commenced rescue operations; four persons were rescued and brought on board, while two others were reported missing.

2. 24 May 2025 – *MSC ELSA 3* (Container Ship, Liberia):
Location: 09°30.1'N, 075°46.638'E (13 NM off the off the Alappuzha, Kerala Coast) Incident: Listing and subsequent sinking
All 26 crew members were rescued. No loss of life.

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Consequence: The vessel was carrying about 643 containers which included 13 containers containing hazardous materials classified under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, along with 367 tonnes of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) & 64 tonnes of Diesel Oil.

Action taken to prevent environmental damage: In response to the sinking of *MSC ELSA 3*, immediate and coordinated actions were undertaken by the Indian Coast Guard, the Directorate General of Shipping, and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners to mitigate environmental damage. Owing to these proactive measures, oil spill from the sunken vessel was effectively prevented. All fuel tank openings were sealed by professional divers, and the light oil sheen observed on the sea surface was dispersed promptly by the standby vessel deployed at the site, supported by natural wave action.

A total of 66 containers were washed ashore, all of which were recovered by the agency appointed by the ship owners. None of these recovered containers contained hazardous cargo, and no damage or risk to public safety has been reported. Additionally, plastic nurdles that escaped from damaged containers have been washing ashore and are being systematically collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm, in coordination with local volunteers mobilised through the district administration of the Government of Kerala. Approximately 540 metric tonnes of plastic nurdles have been collected from the affected coastal areas of Kerala and southern Tamil Nadu.

The Directorate General of Shipping has been closely monitoring the situation, coordinating salvage operations daily, and issuing necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal and containment of potential pollution. Salvage operations are for complete removal of fuel oil from the sunken vessel is ongoing.

3. **09 June 2025 – *WAN HAI 503* (Container Ship, Singapore):**
Location: 44 NM from Azhikkal, Kerala Coast
Incident: Fire in container due to explosion
Remarks: 4 foreign national crew members missing; vessel adrift and emitting smoke due to fire; severe damage to the vessel; environmental risk has been prevented by towing the vessel away from the Indian EEZ. Salvage operations are ongoing to take the vessel to Port of Refuge outside India.

4. **12 June 2025 – *INTERASIA TENACITY* (Container Ship, Singapore):**
Location: 50 NM off Kochi, Kerala Coast (10°03.5'N, 075°24.0'E)
Incident: Minor fire in one container
Remarks: No injuries or environmental damage; Fire Extinguished by ship's crew. Vessel proceeded to destined port JNPT and unloaded the damaged container.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to assess the impact of these accidents on marine ecology, coastal communities and fishing activities;

Reply:- The assessment of the impact of such incidents on marine ecology, coastal communities, and fishing activities does not fall under the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. These aspects are addressed by the concerned environmental and coastal regulatory authorities at the central and state levels.

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(d) Whether any compensation or relief has been provided to the affected individuals, families or communities and if so, the details thereof ;

Reply:- The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen.

Further, the Kerala State Government filed an Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the High Court of Kerala seeking compensation from the shipping company for the economic losses of coastal community. The Matter is sub-judice.

(e) Whether the Government has conducted inquiry or study into the causes and consequences of these offshore accidents and to prevent their recurrence in the future and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, a statutory inquiry and investigation into the incident is currently being conducted under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. The Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, has been entrusted with the task of examining the causal factors leading to the incident. The findings of the inquiry will facilitate improvement in necessary regulatory and operational measures to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred Question: Diary No.: 3032 for Answer on 25.07.2025 regarding vessel related accident.

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(c) The steps taken by the Government to assess the impact of these accidents on marine ecology, coastal communities and fishing activities;

Reply:- The assessment of the impact of such incidents on marine ecology, coastal communities, and fishing activities does not fall under the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. These aspects are addressed by the concerned environmental and coastal regulatory authorities at the central and state levels.

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(d) Whether any compensation or relief has been provided to the affected individuals, families or communities and if so, the details thereof ;

Reply:- The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen.

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S3283 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Measures to ensure monitoring and timely compensation for coastal communities affected by recent shipwrecks.

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S3283 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Measures to ensure monitoring and timely compensation for coastal communities affected by recent shipwrecks.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether government has conducted a comprehensive assessment of the impact marine ecology and fishermen's livelihoods due to recent shipwrecks in Indian waters; if so, what are the findings; if not, the reason therefor;

Reply:- The comprehensive assessment of the impact of shipwrecks on marine ecology and fishermen's livelihoods does not fall under the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. Such matters are addressed by the concerned environmental, fisheries, and coastal regulatory authorities at the central and state levels.

(b) Whether government will announce a financial relief package for fishermen whose livelihoods were adversely affected by these incidents;

Reply:- The Government of Kerala, recognising the environmental and social impact arising from the *MSC ELSA 3* shipwreck, has initiated interim relief measures for affected fishermen. As per Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, the State Government has disbursed financial assistance of ₹1,000 and provided free rations to the affected fishermen as an immediate support measure to address livelihood disruptions. The Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the owners of *MSC ELSA 3* to recover the economic loss to the coastal communities. The matter is sub-judice.

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(c) What mechanisms exist to ensure transparent monitoring and timely compensation for all affected coastal communities after such maritime disasters;

Reply:- The merchant ships are required to have adequate insurance cover for the third-party liabilities as per the International Conventions. In the recent casualties involving MSC ELSA-3 and MV WAN Hai 503 off Kerala Coast, the ships were having required Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance cover for third party liabilities. Therefore, Claims Desks have been established by the respective vessel owners and/or their Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurers M/s North Standard and M/s Britannia P&I Club to facilitate the collection, verification, and processing of claims. There are established norms for settlement of compensation to the affected parties in accordance with the International Conventions. Any disputes regarding compensation the matter can be taken by the affected parties through the High Courts. Such issues are addressed by the concerned environmental, fisheries, and coastal regulatory authorities at the central and state government levels.

(d) Whether government has taken concrete steps to secure compensation from MSC ELSA-3 and MV Wan Hai 50 for polluting Indian waters; if so, details, if not, the reason therefor;

Reply:- Yes, concrete steps have been taken to facilitate the process of securing compensation in connection with the incidents involving *MSC ELSA 3* and *MV Wan Hai 503*. In both cases, Claims Desks have been established by the respective vessel owners and/or their Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurers M/s North Standard and M/s Britannia P&I Club to facilitate the collection, verification, and processing of claims. However, legal proceedings have been initiated in relation to claims for environmental restoration. In particular, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the owners of *MSC ELSA 3*. Additionally, matters concerning both vessels are currently under consideration before the National Green Tribunal (NGT). Specifically, O.A. No. 270 of 2025 (Principal Bench, New Delhi) pertains to *MSC ELSA 3*, and O.A. No. 97 of 2025 (Southern Zone, Chennai) relates to *MV Wan Hai 305*, with the Tribunal having taken suo motu cognizance in both cases. It may also be noted that the application of the polluter-pays principle is within the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble Courts and Tribunals, which shall adjudicate the matters based on the merits of the case and in accordance with applicable legal provisions.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: U1893 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Sinking of MSC ELSA 3.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into the systemic lapses revealed by the capsizing of the foreign flagged vessel MSC Elsa 3 near Kochi and the findings thereof;

Reply:- A statutory Preliminary Inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, a field office of the Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to ascertain the causal factors leading to the incident.

(b) Whether India lacks tier I and tier III emergency response infrastructure for oil and chemical spills along its coastline and the reasons thereof;

Reply:- The tier I and tier III emergency response is under the purview of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), as they are the nodal agency under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961. [Status to be confirmed by the Indian Coast Guard]

(c) Whether the Directorate General of Shipping has exempted foreign flagged transhipment vessels from coastal trade licensing and age limits under DGS Order 2023;

Reply:- This is Ministry's order (General Order no. 1, 2 & 3 of 2018), DGS has nil input.

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(d) Whether minimum emergency preparedness standards including ocean going tugs and containment systems have been mandated for major Indian ports ;

Reply:- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has positioned two Ocean Going Tugs for Emergency towing in Mumbai and Chennai through the Directorate General of Shipping. These tugs are chartered by Mumbai Port Authority and Chennai Port Authority. Accordingly, the Ministry has made provision for Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) on both the east and west coast. The Ministry has planned to mandate ETVs in other major Indian ports also. A draft Merchant Shipping Notice has also been uploaded on the DGS website on 27.06.2025 to invite comments and suggestions from stakeholders as part of the consultation process. All the Major Indian Ports have Tier-I Oil Spill Response equipment for responding to Oil spills in the respective ports as per the National Oil Spil – Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP).

Yours faithfully

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Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S1743 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Sinking of Liberian-flagged cargo ship MSC ELSA 3 off Kerala coast.

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उपर्युक्त विषय के संदर्भ में पत्र सं. -12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(35417) दिनांक: 23.07.2025 संलग्न किया गया है।

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No.- 12-22011/1/2025-COORD - DGS-Part(3) (35417) **Date:- 23.07.2025**

To,
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S1743 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Sinking of Liberian-flagged cargo ship MSC ELSA 3 off Kerala coast.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 17.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether a Liberian-flagged cargo ship MSC ELSA 3 sunk off the Kerala coast, which was carrying 640 containers, including 13 with hazardous materials and substantial quantities of diesel and furnace oil;

Reply:- Yes, the Liberian-flagged container vessel *MSC ELSA 3* sank approximately 13 nautical miles off the Alappuzha coast on 25th May 2025. The vessel was carrying about 643 containers which included 13 containers containing hazardous materials classified under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, along with 367 tonnes of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) & 64 tonnes of Diesel Oil.

(b) What immediate measures are taken to contain the oil spill and hazardous material leakage to mitigate environmental damage;

Reply:- In response to the sinking of *MSC ELSA 3*, immediate and coordinated actions were undertaken by the Indian Coast Guard, the Directorate General of Shipping, and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners to mitigate environmental damage. Owing to these proactive measures, oil spill from the sunken vessel was effectively prevented. All fuel tank openings were sealed by professional divers, and the light oil sheen observed on the sea surface was dispersed promptly by the standby vessel deployed at the site, supported by natural wave action.

A total of 66 containers were washed ashore, all of which were recovered by the agency appointed by the ship owners. None of these recovered containers contained hazardous cargo.

and no damage or risk to public safety has been reported. Additionally, plastic nurdles that escaped from damaged containers have been washing ashore and are being systematically collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm, in coordination with local volunteers mobilised through the district administration of the Government of Kerala. Approximately 540 metric tonnes of plastic nurdles have been collected from the affected coastal areas of Kerala and southern Tamil Nadu.

The Directorate General of Shipping has been closely monitoring the situation, coordinating salvage operations daily, and issuing necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal and containment of potential pollution.

(c) What are the long-term plans to prevent such incidents, including stricter regulations for vessels carrying hazardous cargo and improved emergency response protocols;

Reply:- To ensure enhanced maritime safety and environmental protection, the Directorate General of Shipping has implemented several long-term measures aimed at preventing incidents involving vessels carrying hazardous cargo and improving emergency preparedness. As part of this effort, the Directorate has issued a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure titled *"SOP to Handle Marine Casualty 2021"*, which lays down a structured response framework for managing marine incidents such as shipwrecks, oil spills, and other casualties. This SOP serves as a guiding document for all maritime stakeholders, detailing the roles, responsibilities, and coordinated response mechanisms to be followed during maritime emergencies.

In addition, the Directorate continues to strengthen regulatory oversight for foreign- and Indian-flagged vessels, especially those carrying hazardous materials, by ensuring strict compliance with international safety conventions such as International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea. (SOLAS), MARPOL, and the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

Further, continuous monitoring, periodic inspections, and risk-based audits are being carried out to enhance vessel safety through Port State Control and Flag State Inspection regime. The Directorate also works in close coordination with the Indian Coast Guard and other maritime agencies to improve inter-agency collaboration, response readiness, and capacity-building initiatives. These collective efforts aim to minimise the occurrence of such incidents and to safeguard marine ecosystems through robust regulatory and operational mechanisms.

(d) Please provide details of inter-agency coordination, public advisories issued and steps to support affected coastal communities ;

Reply:- The Directorate General of Shipping has been in constant coordination with key agencies, including the Indian Coast Guard, the Indian Navy, and the State Governments of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, to ensure a unified and effective response to the incident involving *MSC ELSA 3*. Regular communication and collaborative actions have been undertaken to monitor developments and implement mitigation measures on the ground. The DG Shipping conducted the inter-agency coordination meetings every day since the date of the incident in which all the stakeholders including the ship owners, ship managers, Protection and Indemnity (P&I) clubs and Salvage agency providing emergency response services on ground.

Situational reports detailing ongoing developments, response efforts, and advisories have been regularly published and A consolidated copy of all the situation reports ('SITREP'), including

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SITREP 01 dated 24.05.2025 to SITREP 40 dated 16.07.2025 in respect of 'MSC-ELSA 3' are available on the website of the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), thereby ensuring transparency and public awareness. The Directorate has also been continuously monitoring the situation and issuing necessary directions in real time to all concerned stakeholders to manage the response effectively.

With regard to the second part of the question concerning support to affected coastal communities, it is submitted that there was no major impact or hazard to coastal communities reported in the present case other than the fishing ban imposed by the State Government immediately after the incident. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman. Further, the Kerala State Government filed an Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the High Court of Kerala seeking compensation from the shipping company for the coastal community. The Matter is sub-judice.

Additional Information:

The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen in the coastal districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, and Ernakulam.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 7064 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Age Based Restrictions on Indian Flagged Vessels.

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F. No.- 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS (29880) **Date:- 24.07.2025**

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 7064 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Age Based Restrictions on Indian Flagged Vessels.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 22.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether it is a fact that over 700 Indian flagged vessels, mostly operating in coastal and near shore routes, are expected to be retired prematurely on age based restrictions being imposed by the Government, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: The Government continuously reviews maritime regulations with the objective of enhancing safety, environmental compliance, and alignment with international standards. The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had issued Order No. 6 of 2023, and introducing *age-based cut-off norms* for registration into Indian flag such as 25 years for gas carriers, chemical tankers etc., and 20 years for oil tankers, bulk carriers etc. The Order further allowed continued operation of registered Indian-flagged vessels based on compliance with specified qualitative parameters.

This regulatory measure aims to gradually phase out older, less efficient, and environmentally substandard vessels in alignment with India's commitment to fleet modernization, maritime safety, and global decarbonization goals. The policy does not mandate scrapping but discourages prolonged operation of aging, less efficient vessels through registration restrictions, with implementation proposed in a phased manner.

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The Government has received representations from several industry associations expressing concerns over the potential impact of the policy on Indian tonnage. In response, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways commissioned a study by IIM Indore to assess the implications of the age norms. Based on the findings and stakeholder feedback, the DGS is now working on refining the policy through performance-linked mechanisms such as the Sustainability Indexing of Ships (SIS) framework - a voluntary, performance-based compliance model. This will ensure a balanced approach - promoting competitiveness, fleet renewal, and green transition, while addressing industry concerns through pragmatic and data-backed interventions. In view of above, a draft revised Order based on the above is released for stake holder consultation, which provides for continued operation of Indian vessels.

Discussions with stakeholders related to age-based restrictions on Indian-flagged vessels are underway and as part of the broader regulatory review. However, no final decision has been taken to mandate the premature retirement of any specific number of vessels. Therefore, it is submitted that the indicated premature retirement of 700 Indian vessels due to the age based restriction is not factual.

b) Whether it is also true that this would render 20,000 seafarers jobless and impact the livelihood of more than one lakh people, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Considering the answer at point (a), the statement that "the age based premature retirement of Indian vessels would render 20,000 seafarers jobless and impact the livelihood of more than one lakh people" is not factual.

c) Whether it is also a fact that according to the International Maritime Federation, the blanket ban on age of the ship and disproportionate RPSL penalties are not only operational hurdles, but also they are existential threats to India's maritime ecosystem, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: It is submitted that, the Government continuously reviews maritime regulations with the objective of enhancing safety, environmental compliance, and alignment with international standards. The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had issued Order No. 6 of 2023, which aims to gradually phase out older, less efficient, and environmentally substandard vessels in alignment with India's commitment to fleet modernization, maritime safety, and global decarbonization goals. The policy does not mandate scrapping but discourages prolonged operation of aging, less efficient vessels through registration restrictions, with implementation proposed in a phased manner.

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fleet renewal, and green transition, while addressing industry concerns through pragmatic and data-backed interventions.
In view, it is submitted that the aim of the policy is to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of the Indian fleet to become sustainable with respect to the global safety and environmental policies, and cannot be treated as threat to maritime ecosystem.

d) It is a fact that a comprehensive global dataset of over 1.3 lakh commercial vessels and 3.7 lakh inspections found older vessels, especially those that have operated sagely during last twenty five years, often demonstrate better safety records than newer ships, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Seeking inputs for Rajya Sabha starred Dairy no. 1290 due for reply on 30.07.2025 regarding Drone Shakti Initiative

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. - 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (31839) **Date:- 25.07.2025**

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Seeking inputs for Rajya Sabha starred Dairy no. 1290 due for reply on 30.07.2025 regarding Drone Shakti Initiative.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 25.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The details of the area receiving training under the Drone Shakti Initiative and the number of youth trained so far;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) The direct benefits from this initiative as received by the youth in rural areas, particularly the farmers;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The training institutes or ITIs engaged in implementation this programme and the concrete results visible in terms of employment generation;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

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Sub: LS Admitted Q Dy. No. 2903 on Logistics Sector as a Crucial Enabler for 29.07.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 25.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether it is not true that to make India a US $ 5 trillion economy, logistics sector is a crucial enabler, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Whether it is also not true that logistics sector is contributing 15 % to GDP, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The manner in which the Government looks at absence of National Logistics Policy (NLP) which is critical for supply chain bottlenecks;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

d) The steps being made to frame NLP;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

e) The status of logistic parks proposed in the country, particular to Andhra Pradesh;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

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Rajya Sabha Admitted PQ 1118 to be answered on 29.07.2025 regarding Industry 4.0-ready plate cutting machine at Cochin Shipyard.

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[Kind Attn.: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Admitted PQ 1118 to be answered on 29.07.2025 regarding Industry 4.0-ready plate cutting machine at Cochin Shipyard.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 23.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the newly inaugurated Industry 4.0-ready plate cutting machine at Cochin Shipyard has commenced operations;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

b) Whether the Green Tug Transition Programme includes plans for deploying hybrid or electric tugs at other major ports;

Reply: Yes, the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) includes plans for the deployment of hybrid and electric tugs at other major ports across India in a phased manner. The programme aims to progressively reduce the carbon footprint of port operations through the induction of green technologies, with pilot projects already being undertaken at select ports including Deendayal Port and VO Chidambaranar Port.

c) Whether the Ministry has set specific targets for increasing the share of green vessels in India's maritime fleet;

Reply: Yes, the Ministry has set indicative targets to increase the share of green vessels in India's maritime fleet as part of its decarbonization efforts under the Maritime India Vision 2030 and the Harit Sagar Guidelines. These targets align with India's broader commitments under the IMO Initial GHG Strategy and Net Zero ambitions.

d) If so, the key steps being taken to achieve these targets;

Reply: i) Implementation of the Green Tug Transition Programme with a gradual phasing out (total 5 phases) of existing diesel tugs, aiming for a complete green tug fleet by 2040.

ii) Financial incentives and support mechanisms, including provisions under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy and promotion of indigenous green shipbuilding capacity.

iii) Development of port infrastructure to support shore power (cold ironing) and alternative fuels such as LNG, biofuels, and green hydrogen.

iv) International collaboration and pilot projects under initiatives such as the IMO GreenVoyage2050.

Note: Above are based on the information available with the DGS. TERI is the nodal agency for the implementation of the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) and inputs from TERI/CSL/IPA may be sought for authentic and latest status of the project.

Yours faithfully

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1, Parliament Street,
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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha PQ 2177 Unstarred- Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking Units.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 28.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has identified any specific zones for establishing shipbuilding and shipbreaking units under the extended Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) If so, the details regarding the locations identified, along with projected capacity of such shipbuilding and shipbreaking units in Gross Tonnage and their expected timeline for operationalization, state-wise;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The details regarding the amount of direct subsidy disbursed and the number of beneficiary entities under the said scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(d) The details of projects supported under the Shipbreaking Credit Note Scheme, including the quantity of scrap processed, the value of credit notes issued and the number of new vessels procured, year and State-wise;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

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(e) The total number of employment opportunities generated through shipbuilding and shipbreaking activities, classified into skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories during the last five years in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

2. The specific inputs as requested by the Honorable Member regarding shipbuilding and ship repair are still under finalization, and as such, we are not in a position to provide a detailed reply at this stage.

Yours faithfully,

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)

Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Question D. No. 7039 for dated 01.08.2025 regarding Proposal for third party Marine Insurance Services.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Question D. No. 7039 for dated 01.08.2025 regarding Proposal for third party Marine Insurance Services.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 21.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is considering to set up India's first protection and indemnity(P&I) entity to be known as 'India Club' to provide third party marine insurance services to domestic shipping vessels;

Reply: As under reply b.

(b) If so, the details thereof, including the current status of such a proposal and the entities involved in its development;

Reply: The Government has decided to conduct a feasibility study for which a consultancy firm has been engaged. Any matter can be considered after the completion of the feasibility study by the consultancy firm.

(c) Whether the Government proposes to share the burden of insurance with club of insurers and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: No. Any such matter can be considered after the completion of the feasibility study by the consultancy firm

(d) Whether any regulatory, legal or institutional frameworks are being considered or developed to facilitate this initiative and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Any such matter will be considered after the completion of the feasibility study upon reviewing the report.

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(e) Whether the Government has consulted with industry stakeholders, insurers or international P & I clubs on the implications of this move and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereto;

Reply: The Government has engaged a consultancy firm for conduct of feasibility study towards establishing Indian P&I club. As part of the study and after wider stakeholder consultation, decision would be taken.

(f) The manner in which this move is likely to be expected to impact the availability and affordability of insurance for Indian-flagged vessels;

Reply: This matter will be considered after the completion of the feasibility study upon reviewing the report.

Yours faithfully

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

PROVISIONALY ADMITTED QUESTION No. S4751 FOR THE RAJYA SABHA for 01.08.2025: Measures to protect Indian exporters from the Red Sea supply chain disruptions.

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Sub: PROVISIONALY ADMITTED QUESTION No. S4751 FOR THE RAJYA SABHA for 01.08.2025: Measures to protect Indian exporters from the Red Sea supply chain disruptions.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 25.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether government has assessed the financial losses to Indian exports due to Red Sea supply chain disruptions since late 2023; if so, provide sector-wise data;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Steps taken to protect Indian exporters and their global market share from the impact of the Red Sea crisis;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) How is the government addressing the challenges faced by MSMEs severely affected by maritime trade disruptions in the region;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(d) Whether there are plans to offer financial aid, tax relief, or trade support to exporters hit by the crisis;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

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(e) Steps taken to develop alternative shipping routes and strengthen domestics resilience;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

2. It is respectfully submitted that the matters referred to in the questions pertain primarily to the domain of international trade policy, export facilitation, and macroeconomic assessment, which fall under the purview of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, particularly the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and the Department of Commerce.

This Directorate General of Shipping, under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, is primarily mandated with the regulation of maritime transport, safety of Indian seafarers and ships, port state and flag state control, and ensuring compliance with international maritime conventions. While the Directorate monitors navigational risks, maritime safety/Security advisories, and vessel movement related to maritime security incidents such as those in the Red Sea region, it does not directly assess trade-related losses or formulate sector-specific export relief measures.

Nonetheless, this Directorate remains in constant liaison with the Indian Navy, the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), and other national maritime security agencies to ensure safe passage of Indian-flagged vessels and foreign-flagged vessels carrying Indian seafarers through high-risk zones. Security advisories are issued from time to time to safeguard and secure Indian maritime interests.

Accordingly, the detailed and sector-specific reply to the PQ, it may be kindly noted that the concerned authority may be the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Yours faithfully

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No. 6334 for the answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Revival of shipbuilding Industry

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Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No. 6334 for the answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Revival of shipbuilding Industry.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 25.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below,

(a) Whether the Government has taken note of India's low share in global shipbuilding and ship repair;

Reply:- As under .

(b) If so, the steps taken by the Government to receive the shipbuilding industry, attract private investment and develop skilled manpower to position India as a competitive maritime hub by 2030;

Reply:- Yes, the Government is fully aware of India's marginal presence in the global shipbuilding and ship repair market. To revive the shipbuilding industry and in line with the objectives of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal vision 2047, Government of India has taken the following measures:-

a. Government is providing Ship building financial assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis Foreign Shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts shipbuilding contracts signed during the dates, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.

b. To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under

Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

c. The government has also granted infrastructure status to the shipbuilding industry, which enables shipbuilding firms to avail flexible structuring of long-term project loans at lower rates of interest for longer tenure equivalent to the economic life of their assets. They will also be able to issue infrastructure bonds for meeting working capital requirements and get tax benefits which will increase domestic shipbuilding activities.

d. Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

e. To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017. As per this order, procurement of Ships of less than 200 crore is required to be from Indian shipyards.

f. The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

Additionally, Government of India is parallelly working at a revised Ship building financial assistance scheme, Maritime development fund and capacity and capability development measures including the development of ship building and repair clusters.

Yours faithfully

26/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 6507 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Sinking of MSC Elsa-3

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Sub: Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 6507 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Sinking of MSC Elsa-3.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 22.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the Government has take note into the sinking of a Liberian-flagged ship MSC Elsa-3 Thottappally (Alappuzha) spillway enroute from Vizhinjam port to Kochi on May 25, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes. The Directorate General of Shipping is aware of maritime casualty involving Liberian-flagged vessel MSC ELSA 3. The container vessel carrying 643 containers sank approximately 13 nautical miles off the Alappuzha coast on 25.05.2025. The vessel was carrying various types of cargoes in containers including IMDG cargo (under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code) in 13 containers and marine fuels. Due to proactive measures taken by the Indian Coast Guard, DG Shipping and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners Oil spill from the sunken vessel prevented. All the fuel tank openings have been sealed by the divers. Light oil sheen noticed at the surface has been dispersed by the standby vessel at the site and due to natural phenomenon of wave action. Total of 66 containers washed ashore so far. All the 66 containers have been recovered by the agency appointed by the Ship owners. None of the 66 containers were having hazardous cargoes hence there is no damage or hazard reported so far. Plastic nurdles washed ashore from damaged containers are being collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm with the help of local volunteers provided by the Kerala State Government. So far around 540 MT of plastic nurdles are collected from the Kerala Coast and South Tamil Nadu coast. The Directorate has been monitoring developments closely and coordinating the salvage operations and has also issued necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal for MSC Elsa 3 and containment of potential pollution.

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b) Whether any study was conducted as to the environmental and economic fall out from this incident, if so, the details and conclusion thereof;

Reply: Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

c) The steps being taken to get the compensation from the shipping company for the environmental and maritime damages and losses caused there by;

Reply: It may be kindly noted that in this respect, Claims Desks have been established by the vessel owner through the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s. North Standard P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims. Further, it may be kindly noted that, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 regarding the MSC ELSA 3 incident before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking compensation, including for economic losses to affected stakeholders. The matter is currently sub-judice. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fisherman.

Additional Information:

The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen in the coastal districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, and Ernakulam.

Yours faithfully

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1119 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Impact of shipwrecks in Indian waters.

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F. No.- 12-22011/1/2025-COORD - DGS-Part(3) (35417) **Date:- 28.07.2025**

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1119 for Answer on 29.07.2025 regarding Impact of shipwrecks in Indian waters.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 24.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether Government has conducted an assessment of the impact on marine ecology and fishermen's livelihoods due to recent shipwrecks in Indian waters, if so, the findings thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: The study of the environmental and economic fallout from this incident does not fall under the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. Such matters are addressed by the concerned environmental, fisheries, and coastal regulatory authorities at the central and state levels.

b) Whether Government will announce a financial relief package for fishermen whose livelihoods were adversely affected by these incidents;

Reply: It was brought to our notice that the Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. Additionally, Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 regarding the MSC ELSA 3 incident before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking compensation, including for economic losses to affected stakeholders.

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c) The mechanism to ensure transparent monitoring and timely compensation for all affected coastal communities after such maritime disasters;

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims. However, the claims settlement to be done through the Hon'ble High Court as per the order issued in two PILs filed before the Kerala High Court.

d) Whether Government has taken concrete steps to secure compensation from MSC ELSA-3 and MV Wan Hai 50 for polluting Indian waters, if so, details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims.

The Directorate is aware of the suits filed in relation to claims for the cost of environmental restoration arising from the incidents. It is submitted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the vessel owners. Additionally, two matters are presently under consideration before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), one relating to MSC ELSA 3 (O.A. No. 270 of 2025, Principal Bench, New Delhi) and another concerning MV Wan Hai 305 (O.A. No. 97 of 2025, Southern Zone, Chennai), where the Tribunal has taken suo motu cognizance of the incidents.

Yours faithfully

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6488 answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Risk Insurance Cover in Shipbuilding Finance.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No.- 12-22011/2/2024-COORD – DGS-Part(1) (35557) **Date:- 28.07.2025**

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6488 answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Risk Insurance Cover in Shipbuilding Finance.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 23.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the Government is aware that in several major shipbuilding nations, banks and financial institutions are provided with state-backed risk insurance cover through national agencies to mitigate financial risks in shipbuilding finance, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Following are some of the leading state-backed financial institutions in the listed countries that provide risk insurance through national agencies to mitigate shipbuilding financial risks.

Country	Agency / Instrument	Support Mechanism	Impact
South Korea	Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (**K-SURE**)	Export credit insurance, buyer's credit guarantees, ship financing cover	Enables high-risk, long-tenure financing to domestic shipyards
China	China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation (**Sinosure**)	Export credit insurance and sovereign risk cover	Supports global expansion of Chinese shipbuilders
Japan	Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (**NEXI**)	Insurance for banks and investors financing ship exports	Facilitates access to international markets with Japanese financing
Norway	GIEK (merged with Export Finance Norway - **Eksfin**)	Guarantees for shipbuilding loans and export contracts	Strengthens competitiveness of Norwegian yards

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France / EU	Bpifrance Assurance Export, COFACE	State-supported export credit cover and loan guarantees	Supports shipbuilding and marine technology exports

b) Whether absence of such risk mitigation mechanisms in the country has affected the willingness of banks to extend credit for shipbuilding projects or resulted in higher interest rates, if so, details thereof;

Reply: No information available with this directorate.

c) Whether the Government has assessed the feasibility of introducing a similar risk insurance scheme in the country to protect lenders and reduce the cost of capital for the shipbuilding sector;

Reply: No information available with this directorate.

d) If so, the details thereof and the timeline by which the said scheme is expected to be implemented;

Reply: No information available with this directorate.

e) The impact of such a mechanism on the competitiveness of Indian shipyards and the overall cost of shipbuilding finance;

Reply: No information available with this directorate.

f) The steps undertaken by the Government to make shipbuilding finance more accessible and affordable in the country;

Reply: No information available with this directorate.

Yours faithfully

28/07/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 6409 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Sinking of MSC Elsa-3

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F. No.- 12-22011/2/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (35569) **Date:- 30.07.2025**

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Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy No. 6409 for Answer on 01.08.2025 regarding Sinking of MSC Elsa-3.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 22.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) Whether the ministry is aware of the recent sinking of the MSC ELSA 3 off the Kerala coast and the potential environmental and economic risks posed by abandoned vessels;

Reply: Yes. The Directorate General of Shipping is aware of the maritime incident involving the foreign-flagged vessel MSC ELSA 3. In the case of MSC ELSA 3, the container vessel carrying 643 containers sank approximately 13 nautical miles off the Alappuzha coast on 25.05.2025 while carrying various categories of IMDG cargo (under the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code) in 13 containers, including hazardous materials and marine fuels. Due to proactive measures taken by the Indian Coast Guard, DG Shipping, and the Salvors appointed by the ship owners, an Oil spill from the sunken vessel was prevented. All the fuel tank openings have been sealed by the divers. Light oil sheen noticed at the surface was dispersed by the standby vessel at the site, and due to the natural phenomenon of wave action. A total of 66 containers washed ashore so far. All 66 containers have been recovered by the agency appointed by the Ship owners. None of the 66 containers had hazardous cargoes, hence there is no damage or hazard reported so far. Plastic nurdles washed ashore from damaged containers are being collected on a daily basis by the Salvage firm with the help of local volunteers identified with the support of the Kerala State Government. So far, around 540 MT of plastic nurdles have been collected from the Kerala Coast and South Tamil Nadu coast. The Directorate General of Shipping has been monitoring developments closely and coordinating the salvage operations and has also issued necessary directions to ensure appropriate response actions, including wreck removal for MSC Elsa 3 and containment of potential pollution.

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b) If so, the details thereof, including any investigations launched into the incident and accountability measures in place;

Reply: A statutory inquiry and investigation into the incident, under the Merchant Shipping Act,1958, is presently being undertaken by the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Kochi, to ascertain the casual factors leading to the incident.

c) Whether the Government has identified any other abandoned or derelict vessels in Indian waters posing similar threats to coastal safety, environment or shipping routes;

Reply: Yes. The consolidated list of abandoned and derelict vessels for the period 2020–2025, compiled by the DGComm Centre is given below;

Sr.No	Ship Name	Incident category / Month - Year	Location
1.	Tug Alliance	Capsizing / May -2021	Padubidri beach, Off Mangaluru.
2.	OSV Varaprada	Sunk / May - 2021	Mumbai offshore area
3.	Cargo ship Princess Miral	Grounding / June -2022	Off New Mangalore Port.
4.	Barge ASLCO 3003	Grounding / July - 2022	Off Narcondam Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
5	MSC Elsa 3	Capsized and Sunk / May-2025	13 Nautical Miles Off Alappuzha
6.	Wan Hai 503	Fire and Explosion / June - 2025	44 Nautical Miles off Azhikkal, Kerala Coast.
7.	Essar Tug VIII	Grounded / June - 2025	Off Kasaragod, Kerala.
8.	Chemical Tanker Fulda	Explosion / July -2025	Off Kandla Port

This consolidated list of abandoned and sunken vessels within Indian jurisdiction is based on the data presently available with this Directorate. However, the associated risks vary from case to case and most of these falls under the jurisdiction of the respective State Government or the Port authority.

d) Whether the Government has taken any measures to enhance maritime monitoring and ensure the prompt removal or safe anchorage of abandoned ships in Indian territorial waters;

Reply: Yes. The Directorate General of Shipping issued notices under the Merchant Shipping Act to the owners and the Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs of the vessels for removal of wrecks and abandoned vessels. The government ensures that such abandoned vessels / wrecks are removed from the location in accordance the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.

Sr.No	Ship Name	Incident category / Month - Year	Location	Status of wreck / abandoned vessels
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3.	Cargo ship Princess Miral	Grounding / June -2022	Off New Mangalore Port	Wreck removal is in progress
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5	MSC Elsa 3	Capsized and Sunk / May-2025	Off Alappuzha	Wreck removal ordered. As a priority, removal of fuel oil from sunken vessel has been planned by the Salvors first and expected to start by first week of Aug 2025.
6.	Wan Hai 503	Fire and Explosion / June - 2025	Off Kerala Coast	Notices under MS Act has been issued. Fire contained. Due to environmental concerns the vessel was towed away well beyond EEZ.
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The Directorate General of shipping has issued an SOP to handle Marine Casualty in the year 2021 which is being followed in all above incidents. Also, A Maritime Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Vol 10/2024 dated 24.02.2024 on ***'Handling of Derelict Vessels in/near Indian Waters'*** was

formulated through inter-agency/ inter-ministerial consultation under the aegis of Multi Agency Maritime Security Group (Policy) by the National Security Council Secretariat (Maritime Security Division).

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This issue is with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred question Dy. No. S4177 regarding "Maritime trade handled by Indian Ports" to be answered on 05.08.2025.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. - 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (31839) **Date:- 01.08.2025**

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred question Dy. No. S4177 regarding "Maritime trade handled by Indian Ports" to be answered on 05.08.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 25.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The total volume of maritime trade handled by Indian ports in the last ten years, including the percentage of exports and imports transported via sea routes;

Reply:- This information may please be obtained from Indian Ports Association.

(b) Whether the Government has taken steps to boost the shipbuilding industry in India and reduce dependence on foreign-built ships, and if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- As under 'c'.

(c) The details of incentives provided under the Maritime India Vision 2030 for promoting domestic shipbuilding and repair facilities;

Reply:- To revive the shipbuilding industry and in line with the objectives of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal vision 2047, Government of India has taken the following measures:-

1. Government is providing Ship building financial assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis Foreign Shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts shipbuilding contracts signed during the dates, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.

2. To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular

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Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

3. The government has also granted infrastructure status to the shipbuilding industry, which enables shipbuilding firms to avail flexible structuring of long-term project loans at lower rates of interest for longer tenure equivalent to the economic life of their assets. They will also be able to issue infrastructure bonds for meeting working capital requirements and get tax benefits which will increase domestic shipbuilding activities.

4. Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

5. To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017. As per this order, procurement of Ships of less than 200 crore is required to be from Indian shipyards.

6. The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

Additionally, Government of India is parallelly working at a revised Ship building financial assistance scheme, Maritime development fund and capacity and capability development measures including the development of ship building and repair clusters..

d) The current status of India's coastal shipping sector;

Reply: India's coastal shipping sector is undergoing growth, driven by policy reform, infrastructure investments, and national logistics integration. Coastal shipping plays a critical role in decongesting land transport networks and enhancing cost-efficient cargo movement across the country's 11,098 km coastline.

As of FY 2024–25, cargo throughput at Indian ports reached 855 million tonnes (MT) at major ports and approximately 680 MT at non-major ports. Coastal shipping now handles 331 MT at ports, accounting for about 5–7% of India's domestic cargo movement, indicating steady growth yet substantial untapped potential. The government targets 230 MT in coastal cargo by 2030 and 1,300 MT by 2047, as per Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision.

The registered Indian fleet consists of 1,545 ships with a combined capacity of 13.5 million gross tonnage (GT)—out of which 1,056 coastal vessels contribute just 1.6 million GT, pointing to the need for accelerated fleet modernization.

The Coastal Shipping Bill, 2024 aims to streamline licensing, allow conditional participation of foreign-flagged vessels, and mandate a National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan. Government programs such as Sagarmala and Maritime India Vision 2030 are catalyzing over 839 port-led infrastructure projects, including 231 dedicated to coastal shipping and inland waterways.

Inland Waterways (IWT) complement coastal shipping, with 145 MT handled in FY 2024–25 across 111 notified waterways, growing at a CAGR of 20.9% over the last decade.

India's coastal sector is poised for significant expansion, with strategic reforms, targeted investments, and public-private partnerships enhancing its role in national and regional trade ecosystems.

e) The measures taken to enhance maritime security and strengthen surveillance along India's coastline and major shipping routes;

Reply: This information may please be obtained from Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Admitted Starred Question No. 177 for Answer on 05.08.2025 regarding Training programmes for coastal youth to enhance employment and entrepreneurship opportunities

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 01.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether Government is implementing any training programmes for coastal youth to enhance employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in the fisheries and vessel operation sectors;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(b) If so, the details of such programmes including skill development, certification and placement support provided;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether these programmes cover the full range of vessel operations from small to higher capacity fishing and support vessels, if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(d) The number of youth trained or benefited under such schemes in the last three years, State-wise;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 24.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) The total number of Indian seafarers reported missing, injured or deceased while serving on foreign-flagged ships or Indian-flagged ships operating in International waters during the last five years, year-wise and country / region-wise;

Reply: No. of death case from 2021 to 2025 till date : 294

Death cases Region wise (Region as per issuance of CDC) from 2021 to 2025 till date

Region wise	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till date)
Mumbai	52	52	50	44	38
Kolkata	09	04	08	08	01
Chennai	08	03	04	02	01
Other	10				

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No. of missing case from 2021 to 2025 till date : 98

Missing cases Region wise (Region as per issuances of CDC) from 2021 to 2025 till date

Region wise	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till date)
Mumbai	16	25	19	15	07
Kolkata	02	02	02	03	--
Chennai	01	01	01	--	01
Others	03				

b) The number of such cases reported from Andhra Pradesh, including district-wise break up, if available ;

Reply: Death of Seafarer reported from Andhra Pradesh residence

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till date)
04	04	09	06	--

Missing Seafarer reported from Andhra Pradesh residence

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till date)
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c) Whether the Government provides legal, logistical or financial assistance to the affected families; if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- Yes sir.

The Government of India, through the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, has been actively provides logistical and financial assistance to the affected families by perusing the matter at different levels, as detailed here under ;

Engagement with Flag and Port States: The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) takes up matters with the Flag State (the country under whose flag the vessel is registered) and the Port States (countries where the incident taken place). They ensure that the ship-owners and the Protection & Indemnity (P&I) Club (insurance providers for maritime liability) take the necessary steps to settled the compensation to the family of the deceased, missing or injured seafarers.

Consular Access via Indian Missions: The DGS coordinates with Indian missions abroad to provide timely consular access and facilitate the early repatriation of the mortal remains of deceased seafarer or to provide immediate assistance to injured seafarers, in consultation with the shipping company or RPSL agency concerned and communication with family, and other necessary services

Coordination with Ministries: The DGS conducts online meetings with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to request their intervention relating to the matter concerned.

Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SoP): A Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) has been developed to systematically handle cases pertaining to missing and demise of India seafarers and injury cases. This SoP provides clear guidelines for action, ensuring a prompt and effective response to such incidents.

2. In the case of a fatal accidents on board a foreign flag vessels in a foreign country, DGCOMM Centre upon receipt of such information, gathers more information from the RPSL Company, and if required or upon request of the RPSL company, it requests the Indian Embassy or High Commission in that country to provide necessary assistance at the local level for expediting the case, as may be. Further, it requests the Flag of the vessel to conduct an investigation as per the Casualty Investigation Code and International Convention on the

Laws of the Sea (UNCLOS) for dissemination of the learning to avoid re-occurrence of same.

3. The SOP followed by the Directorate General of Shipping in the event of a casualty on board causing injury or death, disappearance/missing, loss over board or homicide by or of an Indian National on board foreign flag vessels is as under:

As per Rule 5(J) of Merchant Shipping [Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers (RPS)] Rules, 2016 the service provider reports the incident to the Director General of Shipping at the earliest and not later than twenty four hours of the receipt of such information.

Immediately, the DGS gather more information, if required from the RPS.

Take up the matter with the Flag State and Port State to carry out Marine Safety investigation in accordance with UNCLOS and furnish a report to the Directorate.

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Take up with the owners of the vessel/P&I club for payment of necessary compensation as per CBA.

4. Further, as per Rules 5 (w) of Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016) and as per Rule 19 (3) (b) Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2016, it is the obligation of the ship owners to ensure to provide financial security to assure compensation in the event of the death or long-term disability of seafarers due to an occupational injury, illness or hazard, as set out in the seafarers' employment agreement or collective agreement.

5. Furthermore, in compliance to the ILO MLC, Regulation 4.5, the SWFS has already implemented an scheme i.e. Ex-Gratia Assistance on Death. This scheme is implemented w.e.f. 01/01/1993 applicable only to the Indian seafarers who are registered under foreign going sector and expire on or after 01.01.1993 while in off articled period and who are or were within the age of superannuation at the time of their death and hold or held valid registrations or were serving seamen whose registration were kept in abeyance or cancelled subsequently, under this scheme an amount of Rupees Two (02) Lakhs only w.e.f. 16/03/2016 is paid towards Ex-Gratia Assistance on Death to widows/dependants of seafarer, for the death of seafarer occurred on or after 16/03/2016.

d) The measures taken to strengthen verification, grievance redressal and welfare mechanisms for Indian seafarers employed abroad or on international routes;

Reply: The following are the steps taken by the Government for strengthen verification, grievance redressal, and welfare mechanisms for Indian seafarers employed abroad or on international routes.

i. **Submission of seafarer data in Articles of Agreement made online** -
With the digital transformation of maritime regulatory systems, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), India, has mandated the online submission of Articles of Agreement (AoA), which includes seafarer data. This process ensures transparency, traceability, and compliance with statutory requirements under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and relevant international conventions (like MLC, 2006).

ii. **Monitoring of Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers through notification of Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016**

The Merchant Shipping (RPS) Rules, 2016 were notified to regulate and monitor the recruitment and placement of Indian seafarers. All RPS agencies must be licensed by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) and are subject to regular audits, inspections, and online reporting through the e-Governance portal.

The rules ensure:

- Ethical recruitment (no fees from seafarers)
- Transparency through mandatory data uploads
- Grievance redressal mechanisms
- Accountability via penalties for non-compliance

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These rules align with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 and aim to protect seafarer rights and ensure responsible recruitment practices

iii. **Promulgation of Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2016**

The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2016 were notified by the Government of India to give effect to the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, which India ratified in 2015. These rules establish the statutory framework for ensuring the rights, safety, and welfare of seafarers employed on Indian and foreign-flagged ships calling at Indian ports.

Key Features:

- Minimum requirements for seafarers to work on ships (age, medical fitness, training, certification).
- Conditions of employment, including fair wages, hours of work and rest, leave entitlement, and repatriation.
- Accommodation, food, and medical care standards onboard ships.
- Health and safety protection and accident prevention measures.
- Grievance redressal and compliance mechanisms for seafarers.

Implementation and Monitoring:

- Enforced by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) through inspections, certifications (Maritime Labour Certificate) and Port State Control (PSC).
- Applies to all Indian-flagged ships and foreign-flagged ships visiting Indian ports.

iv. **Launch of E-Migrate System and Steps Taken by DG Shipping with BoI :-**

The e-Migrate System, launched by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in 2015, aims to regulate and safeguard the overseas employment of Indian workers, including Emigration Check Required (ECR) category seafarers. To support this initiative, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has taken key steps in coordination with the Bureau of Immigration (BoI) for better monitoring and control of Indian seafarers' deployment abroad.

Key Steps Taken by DG Shipping in coordination with BoI:

- **INDoS-Immigration Integration**: The INDoS number (Indian National Database of Seafarers) is now electronically linked with the BoI immigration system at international airports to authenticate seafarer identity and travel purpose.
- **Verification at Departure Points**: Deployment data of Indian seafarers is cross-checked at BoI counters using information available from DGS systems (e.g., e-Governance portal, e-Migrate interface).
- **Blocking of INDoS Numbers**: In cases of fraudulent recruitment, blacklisting, or violations, DGS may block a seafarer's INDoS, which is then flagged in the BoI system, restricting departure clearance.

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- **Real-time Data Sharing**: Regular exchange of information between DGS and BoI helps track unauthorized or illegal deployments and ensures only validly recruited seafarers are allowed to join ships abroad.
- **Support to ECR Category Seafarers**: Ensures that ECR passport holders joining ships have proper documentation and protection, and that their clearance is as per rules under the Merchant Shipping Act and Emigration Act, 1983.

v. Launch of Biometric Seafaers Identity Document (BSID)

The BSID was launched by the Directorate General of Shipping in August 2019 to provide a secure, tamper-proof identity card for Indian seafarers. It features facial biometric authentication, complies with ILO Convention C-185, and is globally verifiable.

The BSID is integrated with the INDoS system, replaces older ID methods, and enhances security, immigration clearance, and identity verification for Indian seafarers.

vi. Promulgation of new simplified Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) Rules in 2017

In 2017, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) notified new, simplified rules for the issuance of the Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) under the Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2017. These replaced the earlier 2001 rules, aiming to streamline the process and ensure only genuinely trained and qualified candidates receive CDCs.

Eligibility Criteria Strengthened: CDC issued only to candidates who have completed approved pre-sea training and are registered in the INDoS system. Eliminated issuance of CDC to non-seafarers or unqualified persons.

Online Application Process: Applications for CDC made completely online through the DGS e-Governance portal. Enhanced transparency, efficiency, and tracking.

Uniform Format and Numbering: CDC issued in a uniform format with a unique number and machine-readable features.

Reduced Processing Time: Simplified documentation and verification process led to faster issuance of CDCs.

Compliance with STCW and MLC Standards: The new rules align with international conventions, ensuring global acceptance of Indian CDCs.

As per the Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2017, Open CDC is issued to Indian nationals who wish to join the merchant navy but are not yet employed. To be eligible, candidates must complete the 5 mandatory STCW basic safety courses:

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i. Personal Survival Techniques (PST)
ii. Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting (FPFF)
iii. Elementary First Aid (EFA)
iv. Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities (PSSR)
v. Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD)

Applicants must register through the DGS e-Governance portal after obtaining an INDoS number. This ensures only trained and safety-compliant individuals receive CDCs.

vii. <u>Launch of on-line complaint monitoring system :-</u>

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) launched an Online Complaint Monitoring System to enable seafarers and their families to file grievances related to employment, welfare, and training. Accessible via the DGS e-Governance portal, the system allows users to submit, track, and receive timely resolution of complaints such as non-payment of wages, repatriation delays, or illegal recruitment. It ensures transparency, accountability, and supports India's compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006.

The Directorates constituted Crisis Management and Reaction Group had been meeting regularly every week (Wednesday) to discuss and resolve emergent issues concerning Indian seafarers followed by the seafarer grievances review meetings. Till date, 81 Crisis Management and Reaction Group meetings and 84 Grievances Review Meetings have been conducted and the entire case details discussions with the Minutes of Meetings have been sent to Ministry for kind perusals, information and records.

With regard to grievance related to the welfare schemes implemented by the SWFS there is a Grievance Redressal Cell which is headed by the Member Secretary.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai

Crew Branch

F. No. 23-PQ/11/2023-CREW - DGS (C. No. 26216) **Date: 04.08.2025**

Subject: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: U3894 for Answer on 05.08.2025 regarding Welfare and Safety of Indian Seafarers on International Routes - reg

Sir

Kind reference is invited to ministry's email dated 24.07.2025 forwarding therewith a Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No. U3894 for Answer on 05.08.2025 regarding Welfare and Safety of Indian Seafarers on International Routes.
The questions asked thereon are given hereunder:--

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Chennai	01	01	01	--	01
Others (Seafarers working on Inland vessels/repair technician without CDC)			01	02	

b) The number of such cases reported from Andhra Pradesh, including district-wise breakup, if available;

Death of Seafarer reported from Andhra Pradesh residence

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till date)
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c) Whether the Government provides legal, logistical, or financial assistance to the affected families; if so, the details thereof; and

Attached - Annexure I.

d) The measures taken to strengthen verification, grievance redressal, and welfare mechanisms for Indian seafarers employed abroad or on international routes?

e) Attached - Annexure I.

3. Whereas, with regards to answer to Question (c) & (d), it is submitted that as per records available in the Crew Brach the details are given in **Annexure I.**

(Capt. P.C. Meena)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

To,
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Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. S5039- Ports of the Future India's Maritime Vision.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 29.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the government has organised any maritime meet to strengthen Global Maritime Partnership under the Maritime India Vision 2047;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(b) If yes details thereof;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether the India plans to foster collaboration to advance its maritime education program to develop its own maritime workforce, if yes efforts taken in this regard;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

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Provisionally Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. U3805 regarding Maritime disasters

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Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. U3805 regarding Maritime disasters.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 24.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Details on the preparedness of Indian ports to handle maritime disasters involving hazardous cargo;

Reply: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has positioned two Ocean Going Tugs for Emergency towing in Mumbai and Chennai through the Directorate General of Shipping. These tugs are chartered by Mumbai Port Authority and Chennai Port Authority. Accordingly, the Ministry has made provision for Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) on both the east and west coast. The Ministry has planned to mandate ETVs in other major ports also. A draft Merchant Shipping Notice has also been uploaded on the DGS website on 27.06.2025 to invite comments and suggestions from stakeholders as part of the consultation process. All the Major Ports have Tier-I Oil Spill Response equipment's for responding to Oil spills in the respective ports.

The tier I and tier III emergency response is under the purview of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG), as they are the nodal agency under the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961.

Further, details may be collected from the respective Indian Ports..

(b) What measures are in place to monitor and respond to the sinking or distress of cargo vessels near Indian coasts;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has issued following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) which outline the response framework to handle marine casualties;

a) DGS SOP to handle Maritime Casualty- 2021
b) DGS SOP for conduct of Preliminary Inquiry (P.I) as per Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

c) DGS SOP for cyclones - 2021

d) DGS SOP for Crisis Management - 2024

The Directorate General of Shipping initiates necessary action to alert the Indian Coast Guard/Indian Navy being the first responder for any emergencies along the Indian Coast as per SOP. Also, establish contact with ship owner, manager, Protection and Indemnity (P&I), port authority, state governments, insurer and salvage agencies as per SOP for further necessary action to mitigate the emergency.

Further, the Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) established by the Directorate General of Shipping operates 24/7 with dedicated team of personnel for communication and co-ordination. It consists of the 'DGComm Centre' and LRIT National Data Centre. The MMDAC (DGComm Centre) is the designated single point of contact for contingency reporting in the event of safety, security, or maritime pollution incidents.

(c) The potential environmental impact of the hazardous materials, including calcium carbide and rubber solution, released form MSC Elsa 3 container ship;

Reply: Till date, a total of 66 containers from MSC Elsa 3 washed ashore. All the 66 containers were recovered by the shore-based response team mobilized by the Ship Owner. None of the containers washed ashore had any hazardous cargoes. It is possible that the 13 containers containing IMDG cargoes (calcium carbide and rubber solution) are lying in or near the sunken vessel, which are yet be recovered. The DG Shipping has issued necessary orders and notices to the owners for removal of the sunken vessel and other debris fallen from the vessel such as containers.

It may be noted that the assessment of environmental and economic fallout resulting from such incidents does not fall within the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. Such matters are dealt with by the concerned environmental, fisheries, and coastal regulatory authorities at both the central and state levels.

(d) Details of the number of instances of such disasters since 2014 and steps taken or proposed by the Government to prevent such incidents;

Reply: The consolidated list of such major disasters along the Indian Coast since 2014 is provided here in under:

Sr. No	Ship Name	Incident category / Month - Year	Location	Status of wreck / abandoned vessels
1.	MV SSL Kolkata	Fire and explosion / June – 2018	Off sagar / Kolkata	Wreck has been removed.
2.	TSHD Veera Prem	Grounding / Nov – 2018	Off Karaikal	Wreck has been removed.
3.	OSV Coastal Jaguar	Fire / August – 2019	Off Vizag	Vessel sold for scrap and removed.

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4.	MV Tridevi Prem	Flooding/ Sinking / September – 2019	Off New Mangalore	Wreck removal is in progress.
5.	MV Nu Shi Nalini	Grounding / Sep – 2019	Off Goa	Vessel sold for scrap and removed.
6.	Tug Alliance	Capsizing / May - 2021	Padubidri beach, Off Mangaluru.	Wreck removal ordered. Awaiting clearance from local authorities.
7.	OSV Varaprada	Sunk / May - 2021	Mumbai offshore area	Wreck has been removed.
8.	Cargo ship Princess Miral	Grounding / June - 2022	Off New Mangalore Port.	Wreck removal is in progress.
9.	Barge ASLCO 3003	Grounding / July - 2022	Off Narcondam Island, Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Wreck has been removed.
10.	MSC Elsa 3	Capsized and Sunk / May-2025	13 Nautical Miles Off Alappuzha	Wreck removal ordered. As a priority, removal of fuel oil from sunken vessel has been planned by the Salvors first and expected to start by first week of Aug 2025.
11.	Wan Hai 503	Fire and Explosion / June - 2025	44 Nautical Miles off Azhikkal, Kerala Coast.	Notices under MS Act has been issued. Fire contained. Due to environmental concerns the vessel was

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				towed away well beyond EEZ.
12.	Essar Tug VIII	Grounded / June - 2025	Off Kasaragod, Kerala.	Notices under MS Act has been issued. Fuel oil has been removed. The Salvors are presently making efforts to refloat the vessel and tow it away from the beach.
13.	Chemical Tanker Fulda	Explosion / July - 2025	Off Kandla Port	Notices under MS Act has been issued. Fuel oil has been removed. The Salvors are presently making efforts to tow vessel to scrap yard.

This consolidated list of wrecks, collision, fire, and sunken vessels within Indian jurisdiction represents the data presently available with this Directorate. However, the associated risks vary from case to case and each of these falls under the jurisdiction of the respective State or the Port.

Yours faithfully,

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 3319 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Green Hydrogen powered Ships.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 3319 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Green Hydrogen powered Ships.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 04.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The total number of vessels, including ferries and inland / coastal ships, that are currently powered by green hydrogen fuel cells during the number built and designed indigenously;

Reply:- As per the information available with DGS, both CSL and MDL has built 1 vessel each powered by Hydrogen Fuel cell.

(b) The total funds allocated, disbursed and utilized by the Government during the last three years for investment in the development, testing and deployment of hydrogen-powered ships;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether the Government has approved or plans to launch additional pilot projects for other hydrogen-fuelled vessels of different sizes and types, if so, the timeline and locations for the same ;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

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(d) The details regarding steps taken by the Government to develop supporting infrastructure like hydrogen bunkering, refuelling facilities at major ports alongwith the allocations of the funds allocated;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(e) Whether the Government has formulated any roadmap to integrate green hydrogen vessels into the National Green Hydrogen Mission, if so, details thereof;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

05/08/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10580 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Green Hydrogen powered Ships.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 30.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The total number of vessels, including ferries and inland / coastal ships, that are currently powered by green hydrogen fuel cells during the number built and designed indigenously;

Reply:- As per the information available with DGS, both CSL and MDL has built 1 vessel each powered by Hydrogen Fuel cell.

(b) The total funds allocated, disbursed and utilized by the Government during the last three years for investment in the development, testing and deployment of hydrogen-powered ships;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether the Government has approved or plans to launch additional pilot projects for other hydrogen-fuelled vessels of different sizes and types, if so, the timeline and locations for the same ;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

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Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(e) Whether the Government has formulated any roadmap to integrate green hydrogen vessels into the National Green Hydrogen Mission, if so, details thereof;

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3391 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Technology Development in Shipping Industry.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3391 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Technology Development in Shipping Industry.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 04.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The details of initiatives / plans taken by Government to address the lack of standardization for connection points in the shipping industry;

Reply: As per DGS Circular No. 09 of 2025 dated 12.03.2025 (Recommended Standards for Shore to Ship Power Supply (SPS) at Indian Ports and Ships).

Additional information in this regard may be taken from the Ports.

(b) The details of initiatives / plans taken by the Government to address the limited interface compatibility with terminal systems and technology development in the shipping industry;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The details of initiatives / plans taken by the Government to address the need for risk evaluation in handling hazardous cargo during the implementation of shore power technology;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

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Deputy Director General of Shipping

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10959 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Lack of Technology Development.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 01.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The details of initiatives / plans taken by Government to address the lack of standardization for connection points in the shipping industry;

Reply: : As per DGS Circular No. 09 of 2025 dated 12.03.2025 (Recommended Standards for Shore to Ship Power Supply (SPS) at Indian Ports and Ships).

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(b) The details of initiatives / plans taken by the Government to address the limited interface compatibility with terminal systems and technology development in the shipping industry;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(c) The details of initiatives / plans taken by the Government to address the need for risk evaluation in handling hazardous cargo during the implementation of shore power technology;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3335 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Shipping Industry.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 04.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether shipping is the backbone of international trade and every fabric of our life is weaved by the shipping industry, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- Yes.

(b) Whether the Government is helping the students on 'Career Pathways in Marine Engineering: From Ports to Offshore Platforms';

Reply:- The Directorate General of Shipping is responsible for regulating, supervising and monitoring Maritime Training Institute across the country. Among other pre-sea courses Bachelor of Engineering / B-Tech (Marine Engineering), Diploma in Marine Engineering & Graduate Marine Engineering (GME) are three pre-sea courses. The Directorate General of Shipping has approved 4978 approved capacity for the above mentioned courses. In addition to regulatory functions, the Directorate is actively engaged in creating awareness about careers in the Merchant Navy through various initiatives, including outreach via social media platforms and the organization of awareness seminars at the school level.

(c) Whether it is true that India is the third largest supplier of seafarers in the world after China and the Philippines and other countries, if so, the details thereof ;

Reply:- As under 'd'.

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(d) The steps being taken by the Government to help students to take jobs in marine industry and to increase the international trade in future for Viksit Bharat 2047;

Reply: As it is aware India has steadily emerged as one of the top five supplier nations of seafarers to the global maritime industry. As of June 2025, India has over 5,00,000/ - registered seafarers with over 3,18,322 active seafarers (women seafarer - 6413) deployed worldwide and an additional pool of nearly 60,000 skilled non-seafarers such as marine technicians, welders, and fitters contributing to the global maritime workforce.

2. Indian seafarers, known for their professionalism, competence and discipline, are currently employed across diverse fleets including tankers, bulk carriers, LNG vessels, and container ships. In line with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, it is our firm resolve to position India as the No. 1 global supplier of highly skilled and trained maritime manpower.

3. To achieve this goal, we are actively leveraging the strategic support and intervention of the Government of India at the highest diplomatic and commercial levels. The Hon'ble Prime Minister's bilateral engagements with key maritime nations have already produced concrete results. A notable example is the recent visit to France and discussions with **CMA-CGM**, a leading global shipping company. As a direct outcome, CMA-CGM has started registering vessels under the Indian flag and has been granted a **Recruitment and Placement Services Licence (RPSL)** by this Directorate for hiring Indian seafarers. The company has committed to employing over **1,000 Indian seafarers** in the near future and has shown a strong interest in expanding its recruitment operations in India by partnering with foreign shipowners through Indian channels.

4. It is also submitted that, India stands at a strategic crossroads to transform into a global maritime manpower hub. With proactive government support, strategic international partnerships, and continued focus on quality training, India can significantly increase its share in the global seafarer supply chain. Institutionalizing Indian seafarer promotion as part of India's global diplomatic agenda will not only enhance employment but also reinforce India's image as a responsible and capable maritime nation.

Yours faithfully

05/08/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10665 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding International Trade by Shipping Industry.

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Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10720 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Manufacturing of Domestic Shipping Containers

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10720 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Manufacturing of Domestic Shipping Containers.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 30.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government is aware that export in the State of Tamil Nadu particularly faced delays due to a shortage of shipping containers in September 2024;

Reply:- As per CSLA (Container Shipping Lines Association), there is no shortage of containers.

(b) Whether this situation reflects a broader issue of dependency on other countries for container availability in export-import (EXIM) operations, if so, the details thereof;

Reply:- Yes. The shortage highlights a broader structural dependency of India's EXIM trade on foreign-owned and foreign-manufactured containers. Key factors include:

- Over 70% of containers used in India are owned by foreign shipping lines, with limited control over their deployment and circulation.
- India currently imports nearly all ISO shipping containers, mainly from China, due to the lack of local manufacturing scale and standardized production facilities.
- Disruptions in global container movement, particularly in East Asia and Europe, significantly affect container availability at Indian ports, especially for non-mainline ports and ICDs (Inland Container Depots).

(c) The steps taken / proposed to be the Government to promote domestic manufacturing of shipping containers and reduce reliance on foreign sources ;

Reply:- The Government has initiated several steps to build indigenous capacity in container manufacturing and address long-term supply security:

1. Incentives and Infrastructure Support:
    - Proposals under the PLI framework was discussed but did not take forward.
2. Standardisation and Quality Certification:
    - BIS and Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) have been tasked with developing quality certification frameworks for domestically manufactured containers.
    - Collaboration with CONCOR and Indian Railways for offtake assurance to encourage private investment.
3. Strategic Procurement:
    - Public sector logistics companies such as CONCOR, SCI, and Container Handling Terminals have been directed to source containers from Indian manufacturers wherever feasible.

The Government remains committed to reducing dependency on foreign suppliers and ensuring resilience in the EXIM logistics value chain through domestic capability building.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10448 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Manufacturing of Domestic Shipping Containers.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 10448 for Answer on 08.08.2025 regarding Manufacturing of Domestic Shipping Containers.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 30.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The total number of ship breaking and ship building clusters proposed, under construction and presently functioning across the country, State-wise;

Reply:- As per available information:

State/UT	Proposed Clusters	Under Construction	Functioning Clusters
Gujarat	2 (Vadinar, Kandla)	0	1 (Alang–Asia's largest shipbreaking yard)
Maharashtra	1 (Dighi)	0	0
Tamil Nadu	1 (Tuticorin)	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	2 (Krishnapatnam, Dugarajapatnam)	0	0
Odisha	1 (Kendrapada)	0	0
Kerala	1 (Kochi)	0	1 (Kochi – Shipbuilding)

Note: Proposals under the Sagarmala Programme and Maritime India Vision 2030 envisage development of additional clusters based on viability.

(b) The total amount of fund allocated, released and utilised for shipbreaking and shipbuilding clusters during the last five years, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh;

Reply:- The funds details may please be obtained from Sagarmala Programme.

(c) Whether the Government has undertaken any study / research for technological upgradation in the existing shipbuilding / shipbreaking clusters in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ;

Reply:- Yes, the Government has undertaken the following initiatives for technological upgradation in shipbuilding and shipbreaking clusters:

- Collaboration with IITs and Indian Maritime University (IMU) for research on green recycling practices, modern shipbuilding methods, and automation technologies.
- A technical committee under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) has reviewed best practices globally, including from Japan and South Korea.
- Pilot projects for energy-efficient and environment-friendly ship dismantling technologies have been implemented at Alang in Gujarat.
- Studies on transitioning to low-emission shipyards using hybrid-electric technologies have been commissioned.

The focus remains on promoting sustainable practices aligned with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.

(d) Whether the Government has undertaken any steps to increase the number of ship-breaking and ship building clusters, if so details thereof;

Reply:- Yes, several measures have been initiated to encourage growth in the sector:

- Policy Incentives: Inclusion of shipbuilding as a priority sector under the 'Make in India' initiative and Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme proposals.
- Infrastructure Development: Projects sanctioned under Sagarmala to support infrastructure such as dry docks, berths, and access roads.
- Ease of Doing Business: Simplified procedures and clearances for setting up new shipyards and recycling facilities.
- FDI Promotion: 100% FDI permitted in shipbuilding and shipbreaking through the automatic route.
- Green Cluster Development: Efforts are ongoing to develop Green Ship Recycling Zones with modern environmental safeguards.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
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Provisionally admitted question no. S5776 for the Rajya Sabha on Shipbuilding

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Sub: Provisionally admitted question for the Rajya Sabha on Shipbuilding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 31.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has recently approved the "Maharashtra Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Ship Recycling Policy 2025", which aims to generate significant investments and employment;

Reply:- Yes, the Government of Maharashtra has recently approved the "Maharashtra Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Ship Recycling Policy 2025", with the objective of:

- Attracting significant private and foreign investments in the maritime manufacturing sector,
- Establishing dedicated maritime industrial zones,
- Creating direct and indirect employment opportunities, particularly in coastal districts such as Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Raigad, Palghar, and Thane.

The policy also aligns with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and aims to strengthen Maharashtra's role in green shipbuilding, ship repair, and recycling infrastructure.

(b) If so, the manner in which the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is collaborating with the Maharashtra Government to ensure the successful implementation of this State Policy;

Reply:- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) is actively engaged in supporting State-level maritime initiatives through:

- Technical guidance for port-led development, industrial cluster planning, and environmental compliance.

- Coordination through Sagarmala Cell, facilitating integration of Maharashtra's policy objectives with national maritime development plans.
- Support for infrastructure under the Sagarmala Programme, including last-mile connectivity, access roads to shipyards, and common facility centres.
- Encouraging collaboration between public ports (like Mumbai Port, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority) and private investors in shipbuilding and repair activities.

Regular consultations are held with the Maharashtra Maritime Board to align implementation timelines, attract investors, and identify key enablers.

(c) The specific Central assistance being provided to supplement it;

Reply:- Central assistance is being extended through the following mechanisms:

- Sagarmala Program Grants: Support for coastal infrastructure development in Maharashtra, including roads, shipbuilding parks, and skill centers.
- Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFA): Available to eligible shipyards in the state for new vessel construction.
- Maritime Start-up Support: Through schemes like Startup India and Maritime Innovation Hubs, including potential partnerships with IIT Bombay and IMU Mumbai.
- Green Transition Support: Technical assistance under the Green Port and Shipping Initiative, including adoption of low-emission technologies in new shipyards.

(d) The current status of the Central Government's Scheme of Financial Assistance to Shipyards (SFAS), and the number of shipyards in Maharashtra benefited from this scheme since its inception;

Reply:- As of July 2025, the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy has supported construction of 177 vessels across India.

- In Maharashtra, 1 private shipyard has availed benefits under SBFA since its inception

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha admitted Question No 3250 to be answered on 08.08.2025 regarding Container factory in Gujarat.

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Lok Sabha admitted Question No 3250 to be answered on 08.08.2025 regarding Container factory in Gujarat.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 05.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The number of Government container factories / manufacturing units in Gujarat at present;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) Whether the Government proposes to construct a new container factory in Surendranagar Lok Sabha Constituency located between Pipavav Port and Mundra port, as large chunk of Government land is lying vacant there, so as to ensure development and create employment opportunities and generate revenue because China and other countries are purchasing containers from the country;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) If so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
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Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S1236 for Answer on 12.08.2025 regarding to improve maritime safety policies.

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S1236 for Answer on 12.08.2025 regarding to improve maritime safety policies.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 30.07.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) In action taken / proposed to be taken by the Ministry to improve maritime safety policies aimed at preventing accidents, enhancing traffic flow and safeguarding the lives and property of citizens;

Reply: The Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, provides a comprehensive legal framework concerning the safety of navigation, ship construction, equipment, and survey of ships; safety of cargo; radio and life-saving appliances; fire protection; and other safety-related obligations and certifications. These provisions are aligned with the International Maritime Organisation conventions, which India has ratified. In addition, several Merchant Shipping Rules are currently in force in this regard, including but not limited to the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1995 (as amended); the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 1997; Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rule, 1975 (as amended); Merchant Shipping (Distressed Messages and Navigational Warnings) Rules, 1964; Merchant Shipping (Distressed and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995, among others. A comprehensive list of all applicable Merchant Shipping Rules relevant to maritime safety is enclosed herewith and marked as ***Annexure I*** for ready reference.

Furthermore, the Directorate General of Shipping has formulated and issued various Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs), including but not limited to ***'SoP - Directorate General of Shipping to Handle Marine Casualty - 2021'***; ***'SoP for conduct of Preliminary Inquiry(P.I) u/s 359, and***

Investigation u/s 389, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958'; 'SoP- Directorate General of Shipping for Cyclones - 2021'; 'Disaster Management Plan (DMP) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Casualty and Cyclone for DGS'; SoP on 'Handling of Derelict Vessels in/near Indian Waters - 2024'; and 'Standard Operating Procedures for Safety and Security of Indian Mechanised Sailing Vessels (2025)'. These SoPs, which are available on the Directorate's website, outline concise and clear responsibilities for various stakeholders to ensure timely communication, coordination, and action required to mitigate risks and minimise losses arising from any casualty.

(b) Whether, in the above context, the Ministry has taken cognizance of South Korea Government Act regarding prevention of marine accidents, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, it may be noted that many of the international principles and safety measures set by the IMO have been taken forward in the draft Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, currently tabled before Parliament, which seeks to consolidate and modernise India's maritime legislation in line with contemporary global standards. Once the Bill is enacted by Parliament, appropriate executive orders will be issued to legislate these provisions, which will incorporate the internationally recognised best practices.

Furthermore, the provisions contained in the MS Act are consistent with Chapter II of the 'Framework Act on Maritime Safety, 2023' (hereinafter referred to as 'the Korea Government's Act'), which pertains to the formulation of national master plans for maritime safety, and is in alignment with Article 2 (Fundamental Concepts) of the said Act.

Additionally, Article 1 (Purpose) of the Korean Act, which emphasises the prevention of marine accidents and facilitation of maritime traffic, is also closely reflected in India's commitment to international conventions. In this regard, it is submitted that India has ratified the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 (FAL Convention), and is actively implementing its provisions. A recent example of this is the issuance of Merchant Shipping Notice No. 01 of 2024, relating to the Implementation of the Maritime Single Window (MSW) in accordance with FAL.5/Circ.42/Rev.3 dated 31.03.2023, which streamlines clearance procedures for ships and enhances operational efficiency at ports..

Yours faithfully,

07/08/25

(N. R. Raut)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

Annexure I

Merchant Shipping Rules on Safety

ISPS Rules
Merchant Shipping (Ships and Port Facility Security) Rules, 2024 Designated Authority
Control of Anti - fouling System
Merchant Shipping (Control of Anti-fouling System) Rules, 2016
Cargo ship Construction & Survey Rules
Merchant Shipping Cargo ship Construction & Survey Rules, 1991
Carriage of Cargo Rules
Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Cargo) Rules, 1995
Carriage of Livestock Rules
Merchant Shipping (Condition for carriage of Livestocks) Rules,2020 Merchant Shipping Notification dated 17.07.2020 for application of Merchant Shipping (Condition for carriage of Livestocks) Rules,2020 to sailing vessels
Carriage of Medical Officer Rules
Merchant Shipping (Carriage Of Medical Officer) Rule, 1961
Certificate of Competency Rules
Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency) Rules, 1989
Distress Seamens Rules
Merchant Shipping Distressed Seamens Rules,1960
Distress Messages and Navigational Warnings
Merchant Shipping (Distressed Messages and Navigational Warnings) Rules, 1964
Distress and Safety Radio Communication
Merchant Shipping (Distressed and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995
Fire Appliances
Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rule, 1990 Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Amendment Rule, 1994
Levy of Oil Pollution Cess Rules
Merchant Shipping (Levy of Oil Pollution Cess) Rules, 1988
Life Saving Appliances Rules
Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1991 Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1995
Load Line Rules

Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) First Amendment Rules, 1982
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Amendment Rules, 1989
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979-Notification dated 10.11.1995
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979-Notification dated 7.11.1997
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Amendment Rules, 2001
Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Amendment Rules, 2001-Corrigendum dated 10.1.2002
Management for Safe Operation of Ships Rules
Merchant Shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) Rules, 2000
Merchant Shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) Amendment Rules, 2002
Merchant Shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) Amendment Rules, 2003
Merchant Shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of Ships) Amendment Rules, 2014
Medical Examination Rules
Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000
Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Amendment Rules, 2016
Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) TT Rules, 1986
Medicines, Medical Stores and Appliances Rules
Merchant Shipping (Medicines, Medical Stores and Appliances) Rules, 1994
Act / Rules relating to Multimodal Transportation
The Indian Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 1925 [as amended in the year 2000]
The Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act, 1993 (as amended in December, 2000)
The Registration of Multimodal Transport Operators Rules, 1992 & MTD Rules, 1994
Pilot Ladder Rules
Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladder) Rule, 1967
Prevention of Collisions at Sea Rules
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rule, 1975
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rule, 1975-Corrigenda
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1986
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1990
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1990-Corrigendum
Radio Rules
Merchant Shipping (Radio)) Rules, 1983
Merchant Shipping (Radio)) Rules, 1983-Corrigendum Dated 04.12.1989
Merchant Shipping (Radio)) Amendment Rules, 1992
Rules relating to Sailing Vessels
Merchant Shipping Notification dated 17.07.2020 for application of Merchant Shipping (Condition for carriage of Livestocks) Rules,2020 to sailing vessels

Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 1997
Registration of Indian Ships
Merchant Shipping (Registration of Indian Ships) Rules, 1960
Merchant Shipping (Registration of Indian Ships) Rules, 1994
Merchant Shipping (Registration of Indian Ships) Rules, 1997
MOS Circular No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 15th June, 2001 - Guidelines for import of all types of ships
MOS Circular No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 5th March, 2002 - - Guidelines for import of all types of ships
Guidelines on Registration of Indian Ship in accordance withPara 1.2 of Office Memorandum No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 5th march, 2002
DG Shipping Order No. 2 of 2002 Revised guidelines for registration of ships etc.
SD Branch Letter No. SD-13/POL(5)/2001 dated 28.6.2002 - Guidelines for registration of ships etc.
MMD Letter dated 4.6.02 - Guidelines for registration of ships etc
Safety Convention Certificates
Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1968
Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1978
Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1988
Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention Certificates) Rules, 1995
Safety of Navigation Rules
Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 1997
STCW Rules
Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998
Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014
Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2019
Tonnage Measurement of Ships Rules
Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 1987
Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 1991
Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 1992
Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 1995
The Merchant Shipping (Wrecks and Salvage) Rules, 1984
Merchant Shipping (Wrecks and Salvage) Rules, 1974
Merchant Shipping (Wrecks and Salvage) Amendment Rules, 1975
Appointment of receiver of wrecks under Section 391 of the MS Act, 1958, published in the Gazette of India vide S.O. 112 (E) dated 07.01.13 published on 16.01.14.
The Merchant Shipping Rules, 2010

Framing of Merchant Shipping (control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substance in Bulk) Rules, 2010. (MARPOL -Annex II)
Framing of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Harmful Substances carried by Sea in Packaged Form) Rules, 2010. (Annex-III)
Framing of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from ships) Rules, 2010. (Annex-IV)
Framing of Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships) Rules, 2010. (Annex-V)
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Oil from Ships) Rules, 2010
The Merchant Shipping Rules, 2008
Framing of Merchant Shipping (Civil Lability for Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2008
Framing of Merchant Shipping (International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage)) Rules, 2008
The Merchant Shipping Rules, 2012
Regulations of Entry of Ships into Ports, Anchorages and Offshore facilities) Rules, 2012.

PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S7338 for Answer on 19.08.2025 regarding Scrapping Vessels more than 20 years old.

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MOST IMMEDIATE- PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the **Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S7338 for Answer on 19.08.2025 regarding Scrapping Vessels more than 20 years old.**

2. **You are requested to provide a draft reply for the above question to this Ministry at the earliest.**

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Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S7338 for Answer on 19.08.2025 regarding Scrapping Vessels more than 20 years old.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 08.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the government has proposed or is implementing a plan to mandate the scrapping of merchant vessels more than 20 years old;

Reply:- The Government has not mandated the scrapping of all merchant vessels over 20 years of age. However, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had issued Order No. 6 of 2023, introducing age-based cut-off norms for registration and continued operation of Indian-flagged vessels. This regulatory measure aims to gradually phase out older, less efficient, and environmentally substandard vessels in alignment with India's commitment to fleet modernization, maritime safety, and global decarbonisation goals.

(b) If so, the details of such a plan, including criteria, timeliness and incentives for scrapping;

Reply:- The DGS Order sets out indicative age limits for different categories of vessels for new registration under the Indian flag - such as 25 years for gas carriers, chemical tankers etc., and 20 years for oil tankers, bulk carriers etc,. The policy does not mandate scrapping but discourages prolonged operation of aging vessels through registration restrictions, with implementation proposed in a phased manner.

(c) Whether the Government has received representations or concerns from the shipping industry about the impact of such a policy and the steps taken to address these concerns;

Reply:- Yes, the Government has received representations from several industry associations expressing concerns over the potential impact of the policy on Indian tonnage. In response, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways commissioned a study by IIM Indore to assess the implications of the age norms. Based on the findings and stakeholder feedback, the DGS would examine the same if any corrective actions are required for the same.

Yours faithfully

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Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2716 to be answered on 12.08.2025 regarding Upgradation and modernization of shipbuilding sectors.

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2716 to be answered on 12.08.2025 regarding Upgradation and modernization of shipbuilding sectors.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 06.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) What infrastructure developments are being implemented to enhance shipbuilding clusters, including Kochi in Kerala, the details thereof, shipbuilding unit-wise, over the last five years;

Reply:- As per the information available with DGS, following infrastructure developments have been implemented shipper wise:-

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi

- New dry dock / larger outfitting capacity — construction/commissioning of a large dry dock / enhanced outfitting berths to handle bigger ships and complex naval platforms (enabled completion/fit-out of higher complexity projects).
- Heavy fabrication & block-assembly halls — creation/upgrade of covered fabrication workshops and heavy lifting capacity to increase modular build throughput and improve weather-independent production.
- Ship-repair & export-oriented berths — strengthening of repair quays and logistics to attract international repair work and export builds.
- Improved hinterland connectivity — port/road/logistics link improvements to reduce lead times for steel and equipment movement.

Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai

- Slipway & cradle modernisation — upgrades to support modular construction and heavier blocks.
- New cranes and material handling — installation/upgrade of heavy-lift cranes and modern storage/ERP for better project flow.

- Digitalisation of shopfloor — adoption of production planning tools and 3D modelling workflows.

Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL), Visakhapatnam

- Redevelopment & modernisation programme — workstreams for dry dock / outfitting improvements, phasing out old infrastructure and creating modern fabrication/assembly lines; plans for capacity increase to handle larger defence/commercial vessels.

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata

- Covered fabrication sheds and modularisation — retrofitting slips and erecting modular fabrication halls to speed up block assembly and reduce weather downtime.
- Improved lifting & outfitting facilities.

Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), Goa

- Outfitting and quay extensions — enhanced berthing/outfitting capability for OPVs, patrol craft and small naval/commercial ships.

(b) The specific actions taken to upgrade and modernise shipbuilding sectors, shipbuilding unit-wise;

Reply:-

a. Government is providing Ship building financial assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis Foreign Shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts shipbuilding contracts signed during the dates, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.

* To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

* The government has also granted infrastructure status to the shipbuilding industry, which enables shipbuilding firms to avail flexible structuring of long-term project loans at lower rates of interest for longer tenure equivalent to the economic life of their assets. They will also be able to issue infrastructure bonds for meeting working capital requirements and get tax benefits which will increase domestic shipbuilding activities.

* Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

* To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017. As per this order, procurement of Ships of less than 200 crore is required to be from Indian shipyards.

* The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

Additionally, Government of India is parallely working at a revised Ship building financial assistance scheme, Maritime development fund and capacity and capability development measures including the development of ship building and repair clusters.

(c) The projected investment amount in the shipping sector under the Maritime Development Fund (MDF);

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(d) The current status of international partnerships with Indian shipyards, including the shipyards pursuing these collaborations;

Reply:- As per the information available with DGS, CSL has signed a MoU with HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering for collaboration in joint exploration of shipbuilding opportunities, technical and design support, productivity and capacity enhancement and workforce upskilling..

(e) The funds allocated for green shipbuilding technologies over the last five years and how the funds have been utilised;

Reply:- Under SBFAP, 92.10 crore has been disbursed towards construction and delivery of hybrid vessels, till date..

(f) The details of jobs created in the shipbuilding sector over the past five years, shipbuilding unit / shipyard-wise;

Reply:- As per SBFAP data, 24,00,000 man-days of employment has been generated in the last financial year.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Diary No. U4170 for Answer on 12.08.2025 regarding Maritime Shipyard Cluster

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महोदय,

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Parliament Question/ Immediate

Sir / Madam,

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No.- 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(2) (31839) **Date:- 11.08.2025**

To,
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[Kind Attn.: - Shri. Sumit Nandan U.S (MA, ML)]

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(a) Whether it is a fact that despite its long coastline and historical maritime presence, India's share in global shipbuilding is less than 1%;

Reply:- Yes, as per UNCTAD data (2024), in terms of Gross Tonnage, India has less than 1% share in the global shipbuilding market whereas Japan, China and South Korea together constitute more than 90% of the global shipbuilding market.

(b) If so, the measures taken by the Government to improve the cost competitiveness of shipbuilding in Maharashtra;

Reply:- Government is providing Ship building financial assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis Foreign Shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts shipbuilding contracts signed during the dates, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.

b. To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

c. The government has also granted infrastructure status to the shipbuilding industry, which enables shipbuilding firms to avail flexible structuring of long-term project loans at lower rates of interest for longer tenure equivalent to the economic life of their assets. They will also be able to issue infrastructure bonds for meeting working capital requirements and get tax benefits which will increase domestic shipbuilding activities.

d. Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

e. To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017. As per this order, procurement of Ships of less than 200 crore is required to be from Indian shipyards.

f. The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

Additionally, Government of India is parallelly working at a revised Ship building financial assistance scheme, Maritime development fund and capacity and capability development measures including the development of ship building and repair clusters.

a. The steps taken by the Government to promote development of " Maritime Shipyard Cluster" and "Single Shipyard" in Maharashtra;

Reply:- As part of the MIV 2030, the Government is promoting the development of maritime clusters, which include shipbuilding and ship repair facilities integrated with ancillary services. Maharashtra has been identified as a potential state for developing such a cluster, owing to its industrial ecosystem, coastline, and existing port infrastructure.

b. Whether specific locations have been identified for these clusters, and if so, the details thereof and the proposal for infrastructure to be developed therein ;

Reply:- As per available information the following clusters have been proposed.

State/UT	Proposed Clusters	Under Construction	Functioning Clusters
Gujarat	2 (Vadinar, Kandla)	0	1 (Alang–Asia's largest shipbreaking yard)
Maharashtra	1 (Dighi)	0	0
Tamil Nadu	1 (Tuticorin)	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	2 (Krishnapatnam, Dugarajapatnam)	0	0

Odisha	1 (Kendrapada)	0	0
Kerala	1 (Kochi)	0	1 (Kochi-Shipbuilding)

Note: *Proposals under the Sagarmala Programme and Maritime India Vision 2030 envisage development of additional clusters based on viability.*

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha admitted question Diary No. 3038 on "Ship repair and recycling under Sagarmala Project" for 19.08.2025

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सादर/ Best Regards,
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F. No.- 12-22011/1/2025-COORD - DGS-Part(3) (35417) **Date:- 15.08.2025**

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Sub: Rajya Sabha admitted question Diary No. 3038 on "Ship repair and recycling under Sagarmala Project" for 19.08.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 13.08.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether projects for ship repair and ship recycling would also be undertaken by Government under the Sagarmala Project;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(b) If so, the details thereof;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether the coastal States have been identified under this scheme;

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

(d) If so, the names of the identified States:

Reply:- No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

(N. R. Raut) 15/08/25
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. S7497 for Answer on 19.08.2025 regarding Status of death/missing seafarers, license suspension and compensation on ships managed by RPSL companies.

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The Competent Authority has approved and **signed copy** of the same is attached for ready reference.

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(a) Whether it is a fact that RPSL license of M/s Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. Was suspended in the past, if so, the duration of the suspension the reasons therefore and the date of reinstatement;

Reply:- Yes, M/s. Anglo Eastern Ship Management (India) Pvt. Ltd. (RPSL MUM 088) was suspended.

The details are given as under.

Sr. No.	Date of suspension	Reason for suspension	Date of reinstatement
1.	31.05.2023	Based on the **Inquiry Report** of the Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Mumbai as per Section 95 of M.S. Act, 1958 and Rule 7 (5) and Rule 12 of Merchant Shipping (RPS) Rules 2016.	05.06.2023

(b) Whether this company is currently engaged in the recruitment of seafarers;

Reply:- Yes.

(c) The total number of deaths and missing cases of Indian Seafarers on ships managed by RPSL companies between the years 2018 and 2025;

Reply:- :

Type of Case reported	Between the years 2018 and 2025
Death	343
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(d) The number of cases in which an impartial investigation was conducted under the Merchant Shipping Act.1958;

Reply:- As per Section 358 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, a shipping casualty is defined as any incident causing the loss, stranding, abandonment, or substantial damage to a ship near Indian coasts. This definition extends to include instances of loss of life resulting from such incidents in the vicinity of Indian shores. It's worth noting that if an Indian vessel experiences such events regardless of the location and evidence or witnesses are found in India, it falls within the purview of a shipping casualty. This inclusion is essential for effective investigations and inquiries as per Indian maritime law.

According to Section 358, the master, pilot, or any responsible authority aboard the ship must report the shipping casualty to a designated officer appointed by the Central Government upon the ship's arrival in India. The Directorate General of Shipping in Mumbai, representing the Maritime Administration of India, or an authorized officer from its affiliated offices, holds the responsibility to investigate reported shipping casualties. This reporting obligation applies to incidents involving Indian vessels or those occurring near Indian coasts, irrespective of the location where the incident took place. In cases where credible information about a shipping casualty surfaces, the Directorate General of Shipping or its designated officer must promptly report it to the Central Government. They may conduct a preliminary inquiry into the matter. Subsequently, the findings from this inquiry are submitted to the Central Government or other relevant authorities for further investigation and appropriate legal action, as necessitated by law.

Therefore, the scope of a shipping casualty under Indian Maritime Laws is comprehensive, covering various incidents involving ships near Indian shores or those involving Indian vessels.

Whereas, Article 94 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) requires nations to conduct comprehensive investigations into a maritime incident involving vessels under their flag. These investigations, administer by competent authorities, aim to ascertain the cause of the incident. Such incidents encompass those resulting in loss of life or severe injuries to individuals from other nationalities, substantial damage to foreign ships or structures, or harm to the marine environment. The provision emphasizes the necessity for collaboration between the flag state of the ship and the affected nation. Both parties are required to cooperate and engage in investigations conducted by the affected country. This collaborative approach ensures a comprehensive understanding of the incident and facilitates shared responsibility in addressing its consequences.

Similarly, as per the Casualty Investigation Code set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Flag State of the involved vessel in a severe marine incident holds responsibility for ensuring that a Comprehensive Marine Safety Investigation adhering to the Code

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A total number of 145 Investigations was carried out by the Indian Flag State as per Section 359 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and it is submitted that the determination of whether an investigation conducted by the Flag State or a Port State is partial or impartial does not fall within the jurisdiction or authority of the Maritime Administration of India. While the Directorate General of Shipping exercises oversight and investigative responsibilities with respect to incidents involving Indian vessels or occurring within Indian territorial waters, the primary responsibility for conducting investigations in accordance with applicable international conventions—such as UNCLOS and the IMO Casualty Investigation Code—rests with the Flag State of the vessel or the competent authorities of the Port State concerned. The assessment of the fairness, integrity, and completeness of such investigations is a matter that must be adjudicated by appropriate judicial or governmental bodies vested with the authority to examine these issues. Consequently, any conclusion regarding the impartiality of investigations undertaken under foreign jurisdiction remains a subject for further legal deliberation and cannot be unilaterally determined by the Maritime Administration of India.

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(N.R. Raut) 21/05/25

Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Sir,

File is under submission to competent authority for approval, however **draft letter** is attached herewith for reference. As soon as competent authority approve the file, the same will be sent to MOPSW.

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is conducted and finalized. Acting as a substantially interested entity, the Directorate General of Shipping has formally requested the Hong Kong Maritime Authority, serving as the Flag State, to undertake the investigation following the protocols outlined in the Casualty Code. In response to this request, the Marine Department of Hong Kong communicated via email on 16.09.2020, confirming their commitment to investigate the incident, although a specific timeframe for completion has not been defined. Additionally, a letter has been addressed to the Indian Embassy in China (the next port of call).

Therefore, in matters related to any maritime casualty, investigations are conducted by competent authorities designated by the Flag State or Coastal State, as per international maritime conventions such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) guidelines. As submitted above, the Flag State holds primary responsibility for conducting investigations into casualties involving vessels flying its flag, while the Coastal State may also conduct investigations if the incident occurs within its territorial waters or affects its interests.

A total number of 145 Investigations was carried out by the Indian Flag State as per Section 359 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and it is submitted that the determination of whether an investigation conducted by the Flag State or a Port State is partial or impartial does not fall within the jurisdiction or authority of the Maritime Administration of India. While the Directorate General of Shipping exercises oversight and investigative responsibilities with respect to incidents involving Indian vessels or occurring within Indian territorial waters, the primary responsibility for conducting investigations in accordance with applicable international conventions—such as UNCLOS and the IMO Casualty Investigation Code—rests with the Flag State of the vessel or the competent authorities of the Port State concerned. The assessment of the fairness, integrity, and completeness of such investigations is a matter that must be adjudicated by appropriate judicial or governmental bodies vested with the authority to examine these issues. Consequently, any conclusion regarding the impartiality of investigations undertaken under foreign jurisdiction remains a subject for further legal deliberation and cannot be unilaterally determined by the Maritime Administration of India.

Yours faithfully

(N.R. Raut)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Qu Dy. No.3924 & Dy. No.1101 on 05.12.2025 regarding "Maritime Training Institutes in the country".

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) दिनांक 04.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) dated 04.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 04.12.2025

To
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India]

Sub.: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Ques. Dy. No.3924 and Dy.No.1101 to be answered on 05.12.2025 regarding "Maritime Training Institute in the country".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the MoPSW's email dated 01.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the total number of private Maritime Training Institute (MTIs) and courses currently approved by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), State-wise and course-wise alongwith the criteria used for such approvals, including simulators, seatime arrangements, faculty student ratios and infrastructure standards;

Reply: (1) Total number of approved MTIs are 167 and 54 MTIs which are conducting simulator courses.

(a) State-Wise number of MTIs:

State	No of MTI's
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
Andhra Pradesh	4
Bihar	3
Delhi	6
Goa	6
Gujarat	4
Haryana	4
Karnataka	1
Kerala	9
Maharashtra	46
Odisha	5
Punjab	1
Rajasthan	1
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	37
Telangana	1
Uttar Pradesh	14
Uttarakhand	4
West Bengal	19

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(b) List of Number of MTI's offering the DGS approved Courses (course-wise):

Course Name	No of MTI's
Advanced Training course for Ships Operating in Polar waters	2
Advanced Training for Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations	33
Advanced Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations	17
Advanced Training for Oil Tanker Cargo Operations	33
Advanced Training in Fire Fighting	38
Advanced Trg. for Ships using Fuels covered within IGF code	18
Assessment, Examination and Certification of Seafarers	14
Augmentation of FPFF (Practical Tanker Fire Fighting)	1
Automatic Radar Plotting Aids	27
B.Sc Nautical Science	25
Basic Safety Training	146
Basic Trainig for Ships using Fuels covered within IGF code	26
Basic Training for Liquified Gas Tanker Cargo Operations	49
Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations	84
Basic Training for Ships Operating in Polar water Course	2
BE / B-Tech Marine Engineering	29
Bridging Course for Existing Electrical Officers to ETO	1
Bridging Courses from MEO Class III CEO to MEO Class I NCV [upto 8000 kw other than tankers]	1
Bridging Courses from MEO Class III SEO to MEO Class II NCV SEO [upto 8000 kw other than tankers]	1
Certificate Course In Maritime Caterring	24
Chief Mate (FG) - Phase I	22
Chief Mate (FG) - Phase II	23
Company Security Officer	1
Competency Course for Chief Mate NCV Phase 2 exam	1
Crisis Management and Human Behaviour	14
Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training	49
Diesel Engine Combustion Gas Simulator	18
Diploma In Nautical Science	31
Electro Technical Officers	22
Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems	29
Engine Room Simulator - Management level	25
Engine Room Simulator - Operational level	26
Extra Chief Engineer	1
Familiarization Course for Medical Examiner of Seafarers	1
Fast Rescue Boats	1

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General Operator`s Certificate for GMDSS	23
Graduate Marine Engineering	30
High Voltage Safety and Switch Gear at Management level	20
High Voltage Safety and Switch Gear at Operational level	28
Higher National Diploma Course (Nautical Science)	1
LNG Tanker Cargo and Ballast handling Simulator	1
Indian Maritime Legislation Course	1
LPG Tanker Cargo and Ballast handling Simulator	2
Marine Bioler & Steam Engineering Course - Operational level	2
Marine Bioler & Steam Engineering. Course - Management level	1
Master (NCV) Advanced Shipboard Management	1
Master FG Advanced Shipboard Management	19
Mate of Home Trade ship - NCV	1
Medical First Aid	51
Medical Care	26
MEO (CEO-NCV)	1
MEO (NCV SEO) Part A	1
MEO (NCV SEO) Part B	1
MEO Class - I	21
MEO Class - II	37
MEO Class - IV (NCV)	1
MEO Class IV	1
Navigational Watchkeeping Officer- NCV	2
Orientation Course for Catering Personal	8
Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities	2
Port Facility Security Officer	1
Pre-sea Training for Diploma Holders	4
Proficiency In Survival Craft and Rescue Boats	41
Radar and Navigation Simulator	20
Radar Observer Simulator	27
Refresher &Updating Training Course for Engineers-Management	1
Refresher and Updating Training Course for all Engineers	28
Refresher Course for Medical Examiner of Seafarers	1
Refresher Training for Advanced Training in Fire Fighting	44
Refresher Training for Medical Care	29
Refresher Training for Medical First Aid	47
Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF	90
Refresher Training For Proficiency In PSCRB	43
Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST	88

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Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers	21
Second Mate (FG) Competency Course	28
Second Mate (FG) Foundation Course	3
Security Trng. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties	143
Ship Manoeuvering Simulator	15
Ship Security Officer	38
Ship`s Cook	1
Simulator- Liquid Cargo Handling - Oil - Management level	12
Train the Simulator Trainer and Assessor Course	6
Training for General Purpose Ratings	76
Vertical Integration Course for Trainers - VICT	27

(b) Shipboard Training/ Sea time requirements for each pre-sea course:

Sr. No.	Pre-Sea Course	Pre-Sea Course Duration	Certificate to be Issued	Shipboard Training Duration	Total Training Duration for Course Completion Certificate
1.	BE / B-Tech Marine Engineering	4 years	Degree	6 months	4.5 years
2.	Graduate Marine Engineer (GME)	1 year	–	6 months	1.5 years
3.	B.Sc (Nautical Science)	3 years	Degree	1 year	4 years
4.	Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS)	1 year	Diploma	1.5 years	2.5 years
5.	Electro-Technical Officer (ETO)	4 months	–	8 months	1 year
6.	Training in General Purpose Rating	6 months	–	6 months	1 year
7.	Certificate Course in Maritime Catering	6 months	–	6 months	1 year

(2) The DGS guidelines mandate Principal, faculty and instructor to be appropriately qualified in accordance with the provision of section A-I/6 of the Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for seafarers (STCW) Code for the type and level of training and/or assessment performed.

(3) For respective courses, the minimum qualification of faculty are prescribed in the respective DGS Course Guidelines. The student to instructor ratio for practical trainings are prescribed in the respective DGS Course Guidelines.

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(4) The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has prescribed detailed infrastructure standards for all Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) as part of the approval process. These standards cover 17 key areas, including land requirements, construction quality, safety systems, classrooms, laboratories, teaching aids, library, hostel facilities, fire-fighting mock-ups, simulators, faculty areas, and other academic and general infrastructure.

(5) The complete and course-specific requirements for all these infrastructure elements are provided in the Training Manuals and Approval Guidelines issued by DGS. These manuals specify the criteria for approvals, including simulator requirements, sea-time arrangements, equipment norms, and other mandatory facilities.

(6) Individual MTIs seeking approval or renewal are required to refer the relevant Training Manuals available on the DGS website for detailed information on all 17 infrastructure standards and course-wise compliance requirements.

Sr. No.	Section	Infrastructure Requirement
1.	Land requirements for Institute	Requirements related to minimum land area and ownership/lease norms
2.	Shifting of Land / Premises	Conditions and approvals required for shifting the institute location
3.	Address for correspondence	Registered and operational address requirements
4.	Construction quality	Standards for building quality, safety, materials, and compliance
5.	General Safety	Fire safety, evacuation plans, emergency exits, safety signage
6.	Alternate source of electric supply	Backup power, generator capacity, uninterrupted learning environment
7.	Dispensary and Medical emergencies	First-aid room, medical officer availability, emergency arrangements
8.	Administrative area	Office space, administrative support rooms, record-keeping areas
9.	Faculty room	Dedicated room for faculty preparation, seating, and storage
10.	Classroom requirements	Seating capacity, ventilation, lighting, furnishing, classroom area standards
11.	Teaching aids	Projectors, boards, audio-visual equipment, training materials
12.	Library	Books, digital resources, seating, librarian, subject-specific collections
13.	General Facilities	Washrooms, drinking water, recreation, common areas
14.	Academic Facilities	Labs, workshops, simulator rooms, equipment mandated per course
15.	Fire fighting mock-up	Fire-fighting training area, mock-up structures, equipment
16.	Catering	Dining hall, kitchen hygiene standards, food safety compliance
17.	Hostel and residential facilities	Accommodation, sanitation, security, supervision, common facilities

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(b) whether the Government has noticed instances of unapproved private entities offering course completion certificates or foreign Certificates of Proficiency to Indian seafarers and if so, the details thereof and the actions taken thereon;

Reply: (1) There have been reported cases of maritime training institutes which are not approved by DG Shipping and found to be issuing certificates without actual delivery of the training as required under the STCW convention. The list of such entities are as under:

Sr. No.	Non-DGS approved Institute	Action taken	Details of action
1.	Brightfuture Ocean Academy Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., Madhya Pradesh	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP Madhya Pradesh- on 29.11.2024	1. Informed the State Govt. that seafarer training has to be approved by the DGS, as per the Merchant Shipping Act & Rules. 2. The allegation against the institutes which included charging money for issuing certificates and job placement on ship were detailed and shared with the State Govt. 3. The State Govt. requested to verify allegations and take action for not adhering to the guidelines of the DGS. 4. Further the DGS had undertaken numerous social media awareness campaign for the benefit of aspiring seafarers who wish to enrol for Maritime Training courses.
2.	Northern Shipping Servies, Jaipur Rajasthan	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/DM Rajasthan - on 01.09.2025	
3.	Royal Institute of Maritime Studies, Maharashtra	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/DM Mumbai Maharashtra- on 01.09.2025	
4.	Rudraksh Marine Services Pvt. Ltd	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/DM Jaipur, Rajasthan - on 14.01.2025	
5.	Sanska Maritime Academy, Haryana	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/CP, Haryana – on 01.09.2025	
6.	Sanskar Marine Academy, Jaipur	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/DM, Jaipur, Rajasthan - on 22.07.2025	
7.	SIMS Marine Services, Nasik Maharashtra	Letter issued to Chief Secretary/ DGP/DM Mumbai Maharashtra- on 30.06.2025	
8.	SCMS Marine Training Center, Navi Mumbai	Same management operating DGS approved MTI. SCN issued.	Both DGS approved MTI and non-approved institute operated by the same management suspended.
9.	Girik Institute of Maritime Studies, Navi Mumbai	Same management operating DGS approved MTI. SCN issued.	Both DGS approved MTI and non-approved institute operated by the same management suspended.

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(2) DGS approved MTI found issuing certificates without actual conduct of the course and against whom action has been taken by the DGS are as under:

Sr. No.	DGS approved Institute	Action taken
1.	Pragati Marine College	MTI approval withdrawn
2.	Marine Officers Training Academy	MTI approval withdrawn
3.	Bravo Maritime Academy	MTI approval withdrawn
4.	R.M.Maritime Academy	MTI approval withdrawn
5.	Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science & Engineering	MTI approval withdrawn

(3) The Directorate General of Shipping has issued DGS(NT/Eng) Circular No.31 of 2025 and the DGS Order No.08 of 2025 to ensure that the Certificate of Competency (CoC) and Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) are issued to an Indian Seafarer after following due process and in accordance to the requirements of the STCW Convention of the IMO.

(4) Also, where suspect cases of fraudulent issuance of Certificates were detected, the respective issuing authorities have been communicated and clarifications sought, after which the level of compliance with the STCW requirements are verified.

(c) whether DGS has issued any guidelines to tighten compliance with (STCW) requirements, if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation thereof across private MTIs;

Reply: (1) The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has issued an updated Training Manual in the month of February 2025 to tighten the compliance with the STCW requirement.

(2) The DGS mandate Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) to be undertaken by the MTI either through the Recognized Organisation or through the Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs). The Directorate had issued guidelines, viz.DGS Order No.23 of 2014 and DGS Order No. 04 of 2016 and DGS Training Circular No.33 of 2018 for the MTIs to comply with the CIP requirements.

(d) the measures being taken to ensure that admission to pre-sea courses in private institutes are routed through (IMU-CET); and

Reply: The Government mandates that admissions to pre-sea courses continue to be primarily routed through **IMU-CET**, which remains the central mechanism to ensure quality and transparency in maritime education. To further streamline the process, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had issued DGS Training Circular No.21 of 2025 which provides the following guidance to the MTIs:

- MTIs must admit **at least 60%** of their candidates strictly through the IMU-CET merit list.
- To prevent under-utilisation of training capacity and support MIV 2030 goals, a controlled second-phase admission pathway is proposed only for **remaining vacant seats**, with strict eligibility criteria (minimum 60% PCM and appearance in JEE/State Engineering Entrance).
- All such admissions must be recorded on the DGS e-Governance portal, ensuring full transparency, compliance, and adherence to DGS/STCW standards.

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(e) whether the Government is planning to mandate real-time digital attendance & assessment logs integrated with the DGS e-governance portal and strengthen the Comprehensive Inspection Program, create public dashboard publishing each private MTI's placement records, inspection scores akin to (NIRF), if so, the details thereof?

Reply: (1) The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), through the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), is undertaking multiple digital reforms to strengthen transparency, compliance, and monitoring across Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs). DGS is in the process of implementing real-time digital attendance through the upgraded Centralised Attendance System (CAS 2.0), Digital Training & Assessment Record (Digital TAR) and upgradation of MTI module on e-gov. system for secure, real-time data capture and seamless integration with the DGS e-governance portal for improved oversight and unified reporting.

(2) DGS is also updating the Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) to align with current training needs. The revised framework is being strengthened through updated KPIs, revised grading weightages, and inclusion of faculty quality as a core parameter, with inputs from MTIs, MMDs, and ROs.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

04/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Revised PQ reply on MTIs

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Sir,
The revised reply to the PQ on Maritime Training Institutes may be sent to the MoPSW.

Regards,

Praveen Nair,
Dy.CS, DGS

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Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No 317 to be replied on 02.12.2025 regarding "Vodarevu Port Development and Community Engagement".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(C.No.35417) dated 28.11.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please see trail mail. In this regard, DGS is requested to provide the point wise reply to the admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no.317, due for answer on 02.12.2025 regarding

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F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(C.No.35417) Date:- 28.11.2025

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[Kind Attn.: - Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India]

Sub: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 317 to be replied on 02.12.2025 regarding "Vodarevu Port Development and Community Engagement".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the MoPSW's email dated 28.11.2025 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The steps taken to develop Vodarevu port in Prakasam district;

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(b) The measures adopted to ensure participation of local SC/ST communities in port-related economic activities; and

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

(c) Whether Government has data on gender-wise employment generation in the shipping/port related industries and the steps to increase equitable opportunity creation?

Reply: No information available with this Directorate

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

28/11/2025

(N. R. Raut)
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Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred Question Dy. No. S1617 for answer on 04.12.2025- regarding Policy for Retirement of Non- Performing Officers.

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Sir,

Kindly find the attached letter No. 22-38/33/2023 -PER-DGS (C. No. 25127) dated 28.11.2025 for information and necessary action.

धन्यवाद एवं शुभकामनाएँ / Thanks and Regards
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1 Attachment(s)

Question Dy. No. S1617.pdf
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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI
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No. 22-38/33/2023- PER-DGS (C. No. 25127) Date: 28.11.2025

Subject: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred Question Dy. No. S1617 for answer on 04.12.2025- regarding Policy for Retirement of Non-Performing Officers.

With reference to Coordination Branch email dated 28.11.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the details of Policy for Retirement of Non-Performing Officers

No. of employees prematurely retired on account of Non-performance under provision of FR-56(j) or other similar provision **(from 01.04.2024 to 26.11.2025)**				
Name of the Organization	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
DG Shipping Hqrs.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

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(PL Muthu)
Administrative Officer (Pers)

To,
Coordination Branch

Re: Parliamentary Question with Diary No. 3369-Maritime Cybersecurity.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a reply of Parliamentary Question with Diary No. 3369-Maritime Cybersecurity for kind information and appropriate action.

Regards
e-Governance Branch,
Directorate General of Shipping,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
Mumbai

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the **Parliamentary Question with Diary No. 3369-Maritime Cybersecurity.** In this regard, it is requested to kindly furnish the reply/ information **directly to the Ministry** under intimation to the Coordination Branch on urgent basis.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग /Coordination Branch
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai

Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai
IT & E-Gov Branch

Revised Ministerial Reply – Parliamentary Question D.No. 3369 (Maritime Cybersecurity)

(a) The details of the list of schemes, programmes and initiatives undertaken by the Government during the last ten years for strengthening maritime cybersecurity across Indian ports, shipping infrastructure and related digital systems;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is undertaking a comprehensive digital transformation and maritime cybersecurity strengthening programme aimed at enhancing the security, resilience, and governance of national maritime systems. This includes the establishment of a modern Network Operations Centre (NOC) with secure computing, real-time surveillance, and analytics; deployment of an enterprise-wide Business Intelligence (BI) and risk analytics platform; and roll-out of a unified Cybersecurity and Data Standards Framework aligned with MeitY, CERT-In, DPDP Act, NCIIPC, ISO 27001, and NIST guidelines.

Cybersecurity governance has been reinforced through the appointment of a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and constitution of an Information Security Steering Committee. DGS is also strengthening protection of its digital ecosystem by engaging a CERT-In empanelled cybersecurity partner for gap analysis, policy formulation, and implementation across mission-critical systems such as LRIT and DGS e-Governance platforms, while introducing secure cloud architecture, structured access controls, and MFA. Major e-Governance initiatives—including the modernisation of e-Samudra, creation of a secure Digital Record Room, development of ERP systems for SWFS and SPFO, and rollout of LMS and simulation platforms—are being executed with embedded cybersecurity safeguards.

At the National level, DGS is developing maritime digital platforms such as the Indian Global Maritime Safety Platform, Maritime Single Window (MSW), HKC Ship Recycling Portal, Geospatial Navigation Safety Platform, and ISPS/NSPC GIS-based systems, all designed with built-in security, controlled access, and audit capabilities. To create unified governance, the cybersecurity team has formulated 19 cybersecurity policies and 10 security standards and is developing a Unified Compliance Framework (UCF) that integrates requirements from the IT Act, CERT-In, NCIIPC, ISO 22301/31000, latest NCRF guidelines (2024), and ENISA guidelines. Collectively, these measures substantially enhance maritime cybersecurity, operational resilience, and digital governance across the Indian maritime sector. The Office Memorandum on CISO responsibilities (Annexure-I) and the Information Security Steering Committee Charter (Annexure-II) are enclosed for reference. These annexures provide the formal governance, policy, and compliance framework supporting the cybersecurity initiatives mentioned above.

(b) The details regarding the list of cyber-attacks and data breaches faced by Indian ports and maritime establishments over the last ten years, State-wise and port-wise including the total damages caused by such cyber-attacks;

Reply: No major data breach has been reported within the Directorate General of Shipping's systems in the last ten years. This is attributable to the progressive strengthening of cybersecurity controls, secure cloud adoption, and periodic risk assessments undertaken by the DGS.

(c) The details regarding the total amount of funds allocated, released and utilised for maritime cybersecurity projects and digital infrastructure development during the last five years, year-wise and port-wise;

Reply: Under the ongoing digital transformation programme, dedicated funds have been allocated and utilised to strengthen cybersecurity governance, standards development, and secure digital platforms across the Directorate General of Shipping. A dedicated Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and cybersecurity team have been appointed, supported by EY as the Project Management Consultant (PMC), and an amount of ₹9 lakh has been released specifically for cybersecurity policy design, with additional funds earmarked for phased implementation. Funding has been directed towards key areas such as: the development of a Cybersecurity Standards Framework and Governance Mechanism, including engagement of CERT-In empanelled agencies for policy formulation, audits, risk assessments, and cyber maturity enhancement; strengthening security across core digital platforms including E-Samudra 2.0, the Digital Record Room, Grievance Redressal System, and MTI/RPSL modules, all deployed on secure cloud environments with MFA, encryption, access controls, and disaster recovery; and enhancing security for training and compliance platforms such as the LMS, web-based simulation systems, and the Compliance Code Manual Portal, each developed with embedded cybersecurity safeguards. Financial provisions under Cybersecurity Governance Expenditure cover the CISO Office setup, cybersecurity policy development (19 policies and 9 standards), ISO/DPDP/CERT-In training programmes, and cybersecurity governance workshops for the Steering Committee, with allocations and utilisation recorded across these activities. Collectively, these measures demonstrate DGS's sustained investment in secure digital infrastructure and robust cybersecurity governance.

Table: Cybersecurity Governance Expenditure (₹ in Lakh)

Item	Allocated (₹ Lakh)	Released (₹ Lakh)	Utilised (₹ Lakh)	Remarks
Cybersecurity Policy Development (EY PMC Support) Training & Awareness Programmes Cybersecurity Governance Workshops	11	9	9	19 Policies & 10 Standards prepared for DGS.

(d) Whether the Government has undertaken any study or assessment to identify potential vulnerabilities or cyber risks of the country's maritime sector and if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: DGS has undertaken a comprehensive set of cybersecurity assessments to strengthen the security posture of its maritime digital ecosystem. A detailed Cybersecurity Gap Analysis was conducted by a CERT-In empanelled agency, covering LRIT systems, vessel monitoring platforms, e-Governance modules, cloud systems, and core databases. This was complemented by a rigorous Cybersecurity Risk Assessment and Standards Development exercise, aligned with NIST SP 800-53, the National Cybersecurity Reference Framework (NCRF), ISO 27001, and the DPDP Act, which also included vendor-risk assessments, quarterly compliance reviews, and audit-trail enhancement. DGS additionally carried out a Data Standards and Governance Framework Study addressing metadata standards, encryption practices, data retention norms, interoperability frameworks, and cloud-security guidelines. Furthermore,

system-wide Vulnerability Assessments (VA/PT) have been conducted across DGS platforms, networks, and infrastructure to identify and mitigate technical risks. Collectively, these assessments form the foundation of a structured, resilient, and future-ready cybersecurity governance architecture for India's maritime administration.

(e) Training and awareness programmes conducted for maritime administration officials on cybersecurity

Reply: DGS has undertaken extensive training and capacity-building initiatives to enhance cybersecurity awareness, digital literacy, and operational readiness across the organisation. These efforts include specialised Cybersecurity and IT Governance training for officers and staff, along with Microsoft Office 365 secure collaboration training focused on safe communication and data protection practices. Awareness programmes have been conducted on ISO 27001, the DPDP Act, MeitY guidelines, CERT-In advisories, and internal cybersecurity policies to strengthen compliance-oriented behaviour. In addition, targeted training has been provided on the secure usage of key digital systems such as E-Samudra, the Digital Record Room, LMS, the Grievance Redressal System, and MTI/RPSL modules. Capacity-building programmes were also conducted to ensure secure data handling and operational proficiency within the Maritime Single Window (MSW) platform. Collectively, these initiatives have significantly improved DGS's overall cybersecurity culture and institutional preparedness.

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Annexure-I

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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File no. 11-33/12/20245-COMP-DGS **Dated: 05.05.2025**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Cybersecurity and data protection have become integral for any organization's operations in the ever-evolving cybersecurity threat landscape. This memorandum formally establishes the scope of authority, functional responsibilities of the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), including the mandatory compliance procedures and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that all departments must implement to maintain alignment with organizational requirements.

1. Role and Responsibilities of the CISO

- The CISO organization will establish a DGS cybersecurity strategy and governance framework.
- Report cybersecurity posture, incidents, and risk exposures to executive leadership and the board.
- Developing and maintaining policies, procedures, SOP's for information security and data protection in line with standards, framework and regulatory guidelines.
- Perform regular risk assessments, define risk mitigation strategies, and conduct periodic audits to identify vulnerabilities and recommend mitigations.
- Responsible for overseeing the implementation and maintenance of security tools, infrastructure, and controls to protect data and systems.
- Design and periodically update the incident response and recovery plan (IRP). Coordinate IRP in the event of cybersecurity breaches. Ensure timely and effective recovery and root-cause analysis to prevent recurrence.
- Ensure compliance with applicable legal, regulatory, and contractual cybersecurity requirements.

- Define, assess, implement and monitor the cybersecurity posture of vendors and partners.
- Promote a cyber-safe environment through training and awareness programs for all staff, fostering a security-conscious culture.
- Liaison with external cybersecurity agencies, auditors, and stakeholders as needed.
- Work with stakeholders to design and implement a whistleblower policy for the Information Security program.

2. Compliance with Cybersecurity and Data Standards

All departments and field establishments are required to adhere to the following:

a. Security Policy Adherence

- Review and comply with the organization's Information Security Policy as published on CERT-IN
- It is expected that employees are aware of and understand their responsibilities to cybersecurity.
- Train staff, encrypt transmissions, implement audit logs.

b. Data Ownership, Handling, and Classification

- Each department is accountable for the ownership, integrity, and protection of the data it generates, accesses, or manages, and that should be under defined policies
- Each department and individual is expected to handle sensitive, confidential, and personal data under classification guidelines.
- Avoid unauthorized storage, sharing, or transmission of protected data. Any transmission of data outside of DGS network should be in line with business alignment and requirements.

c. User Access Management

- Access to each resource should be based on the principle of least privilege.
- Ensure timely provisioning and de-provisioning of user access to files, folders, applications, networks, and systems.
- The organization must ensure that default login credentials of devices such as routers, firewall, storage equipment etc., are changed prior to the deployment of such devices in the operational environment

- Implement Geo-fencing for restricting remote access from unauthorized geolocations.
- Temporary and third-party access must be time-bound and monitored.

d. Endpoint and Network Security

- Ensure antivirus, anti-malware, and endpoint protection systems are updated and functional.
- Connect only authorized devices to the organizational network.
- Network administration team of the organization shall periodically review network configuration at least every 6 months or as and when new access controls are introduced in the network.
- IDS/IPS systems must be deployed to detect and respond to threats in real time.

e. Incident Reporting and Response

- Report any cybersecurity incidents, suspicious activity, or data breaches immediately to the Information Security Team.
- Cooperate with the investigation and remediation efforts.

f. Data Backup

- Each department is responsible for ensuring that critical data is regularly backed up per data retention and recovery policies.
- Backups must be securely stored and periodically tested to ensure data integrity and availability during incidents.
- Conduct periodic reviews and performance assessments of both Data Centre (DC) and Disaster Recovery (DR) infrastructure to ensure alignment with operational requirements, compliance mandates, and business continuity objectives.

g. SOPs for Compliance

- All concerned must refer to the guidelines as shared by CISO organization, which outline:
    - Daily, weekly, and monthly compliance checks.
    - Procedures for patch management and vulnerability remediation.
    - Guidelines for safe internet and email usage.
    - Templates for incident reporting and log maintenance.

h. Security Standardization and Certification

- The organization adheres to recognized cybersecurity standards and maintains appropriate certifications as part of its commitment to information security, compliance, and continual improvement.
- Internal audits shall be conducted at regular intervals (minimum annually) to ensure compliance with adopted standards and prepare for external certification audits.
- The organization shall ensure third party service providers conform to equivalent security standards and require them to demonstrate such compliance upon request.
- All critical systems must undergo annual security audits by CERT-In empanelled agencies. The department shall pursue formal ISO 27001 certification for its core IT infrastructure, including applications handling seafarer data, ship registration, and licensing portals.

3. Training and Awareness

Mandatory cybersecurity training sessions will be scheduled periodically. Attendance and completion of assessments will be tracked.

Cybersecurity training must be conducted every 6 months, and completion must be recorded in annual performance reports.

Action Required:

1. Disseminate this memorandum to all staff.
2. Ensure strict compliance with outlined SOPs and standards.
3. Designate a point-of-contact for coordination with the CISO's office.

All aforementioned aspects shall be ensured by the CISO who by definition shall be the DDG IT & e-Governance.

The DDG IT & e-Governance shall be assisted by the following officials:

1. Asst DG IT & e-Governance
2. Tier 1 IT & e-Governance for consultancy services
3. Asst/UDC handling the said matter
4. Technical resources (M/S A3S Tech & Co) for technical support for the CISO functioning

All officials shall be subject to the Superintendence and specific Technical Compliance instructions of the CISO to ensure compliance with the aforementioned cybersecurity and data security norms/standards.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, Mumbai

(Deependra Singh Bisen)
Dy. Director General of Shipping,
Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai

Annexure-II

नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

Information Security Steering Committee Charter
for
Directorate General of Shipping
administratively controlled by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India.

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1.0 Directorate General of Shipping Information Security Committee Charter

1. Committee Purpose

The purpose of the Information Security Steering Committee (the "Committee") is to act on the behalf of, and assist, the Executive Management of Directorate General of Shipping in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to the organization's information security programs and risks, including:

- Overseeing and reviewing the organization's internal controls (e.g. Conformity to NIST Cyber Security Framework/ DPDP Act etc) to protect and ensure the confidentiality, integrity & availability of information assets.
- Governing the practices, procedures, and controls management used to identify, assess, and manage key information security programs and risks.
- Ensuring the effectiveness of the organization's risk governance structure, policies, and risk tolerances in enabling the achievement of business objectives.
- Providing strategic direction and prioritization of cybersecurity investments, including technology upgrades, audits, training, and compliance initiatives.
- Facilitating cross-departmental coordination, especially between IT, legal, operations, and compliance, to ensure a unified cybersecurity posture.
- Monitoring compliance with national regulatory requirements, including CERT-In advisories, GIGW guidelines, and Certifications like - STQC mandates (as applicable) for all the applications. (Refer Annexure 1.)

The Committee fulfills these responsibilities by carrying out the activities enumerated under the heading *Responsibilities and Duties* in this Charter. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee has the authority to

(i) wholly investigate any matter brought to its attention that may impact the organization's ability to ensure adequately the protection of the organization's information assets, and

(ii) to involve current members of the Committee, Board, other steering committees, government agencies, and law enforcement, as determined appropriate by the circumstances.

2.0 Organization and Membership

The Committee shall appoint Committee members, fill vacancies occurring on the Committee, and designate the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of 8 members from the security leadership team, with broad representation from organizational personnel with backgrounds representing the organizational interests and with the capacity to address decision-making matters within the scope of the Committee's authorities. Additionally, the Committee may invite to its meetings any relevant parties it deems appropriate to sufficiently carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate and met with consensus from Committee membership.

In its current form, Committee membership shall be comprised of the following individual members:

Job Role	Department/Wing/Branch	Individual
Chief Information Security Officer*	IT & e-Governance	Shri Deepender Singh Bisen
Additional Director General of Shipping	Administration Wing	Shri. Sushil Mansing Khopde
Chief Surveyor -cum- Additional Director General (Engineering)	Engineering Wing	Shri Ajithkumar Sukumaran
Nautical Advisor –cum- Additional Director General (Nautical)	Nautical Wing	Capt. S.I. Abul Kalam Azad
Chief Ship Surveyor	Naval Architecture Wing	Shri. Pradeep Sudhakar K.
Deputy Director General of Shipping	Merchant Shipping Law Branch	Shri. Ash Mohomad
Nautical Surveyor-cum-DDG (Tech.)	Crew Branch	Capt. P.C. Meena
Assistant Director General of Shipping	IT & e-Governance Branch	Shri. Jitendra Jadhav
Assistant Director General of Shipping	Training Branch	Major Anutosh Singh
Executive Officer	Personnel Branch	Shri P.L. Muthu
Deputy Director General of Shipping	Administration Branch	Dr. Sudhir Kohakade

Table 1

**Designates Current Chair of the Committee*

3.0 Committee Hierarchy

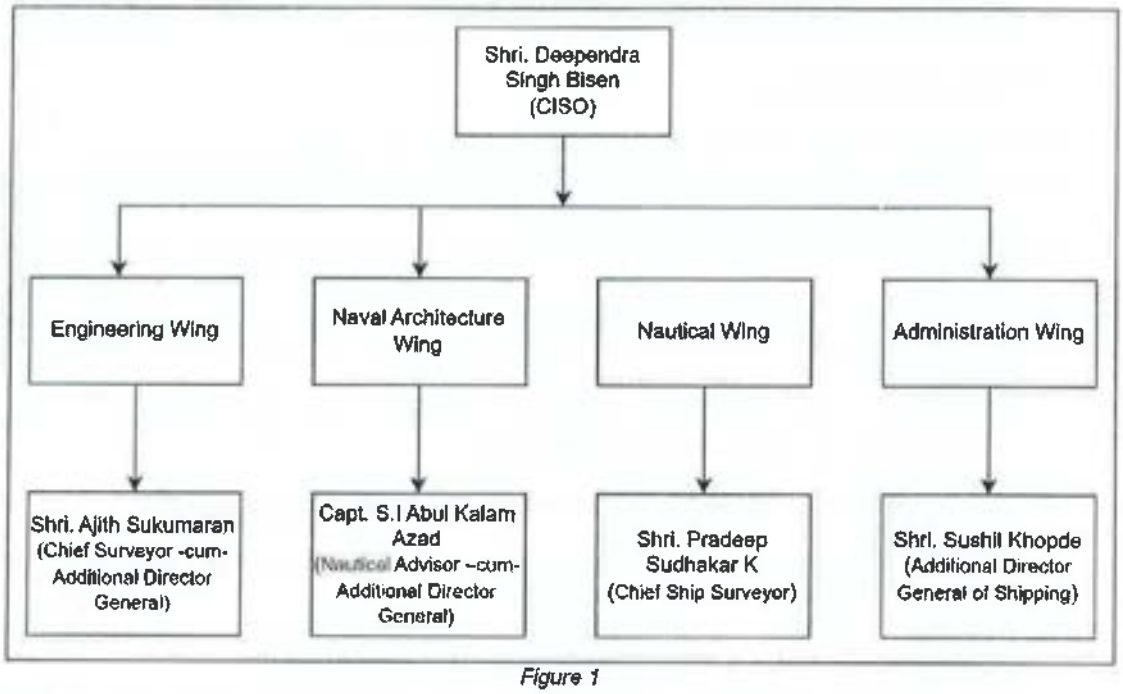


Figure 1

4.0 Responsibilities and Duties

The Committee shall be responsible for the following:

1. Strategic Oversight

a. Provide oversight and ensure alignment between information security strategy and organizational objectives.
b. Assess the adequacy of resources and funding to sustain and advance successful security programs and practices for identifying, assessing, and mitigating cybersecurity risks across all business functions.
c. Review control audit reports and resulting remediation plans to ensure business alignment
d. Review the organization's cyber insurance policies to ensure appropriate coverage.
e. Provide recommendations, based on security best practices, for significant technology investments.

2. Policy Governance

a. Review policy-exception requests to determine if potential security risks can be accepted or if a workaround exists.
b. Assess the ramifications of updates to policies and standards.

c. Establish standards and procedures for escalating significant security incidents to the board, other steering committees, government agencies, and law enforcement, as appropriate.

3. Risk Governance

a. Review and approve the company's information risk governance structure.
b. Assess the company's high-risk information assets and coordinate planning to address information privacy and security needs.
c. Provide input to executive management regarding the enterprise's information security risk tolerance.
d. Review the company's cyber-response preparedness, incident response plans, and disaster recovery capabilities as applicable to the organization's information security strategy.
e. Promote an open discussion regarding information risk and integrate information risk management into the enterprise's objectives.

4. Information Security Practices for Protected Systems

a. All the Information Security Policies of the "Protected System "shall be approved by Information Security Steering Committee.
b. Significant changes in network configuration impacting "Protected System" shall be approved by the Information Security Steering Committee.
c. Each significant change in application(s) of the "Protected System" shall be approved by Information Security Steering Committee.
d. A mechanism shall be established for timely communication of cyber incident(s) related to "Protected System" to Information Security Steering Committee.
e. A mechanism shall be established to share the results of all information security audits and compliance of "Protected System" to Information Security Steering Committee.
f. Assessment for validation of "Protected System" after every two years.
g. Plan, establish, implement, operate, monitor, review, maintain and continually improve Information Security Management System (ISMS) of the "Protected System" as per latest "Guidelines for Protection of Critical Information Infrastructure" released by the National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre or an industry accepted standard duly approved by the said National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre.
h. Ensure that the network architecture of "Protected System" shall be documented. Further, the organisation shall ensure that the "Protected System" is stable, resilient and scalable as per latest National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre "Guidelines for Protection of Critical Information Infrastructure". Any changes to network architecture shall be documented.
i. Plan, develop, maintain the documentation of authorized personnel having access to "Protected System" and the same shall be reviewed at least once a year, or whenever required, or according to the Information Security Management System (ISMS).
j. Plan, develop, maintain and review the documents of inventory of hardware and software related to "Protected System"

k. Ensure that Vulnerability/Threat/Risk (V/T/R) Analysis for the cyber security architecture of "Protected System" shall be carried out at least once a year. Further, Vulnerability/Threat/Risk (V/T/R) Analysis shall be initiated whenever there is significant change or upgrade in the system, under intimation to Information Security Steering Committee

l. Plan, establish, implement, operate, monitor, review, and continually improve Cyber Crisis Management Plan (CCMP) in close coordination with National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre; ensure conduct of internal and external Information Security audits periodically according to Information Security Management System (ISMS) as suggested in clause (b). The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) released by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) for "Auditing of CIIs/Protected Systems by Private/Government Organization" shall be strictly followed

m. Plan, develop, maintain and review documented process for IT Security Service Level Agreements (SLAs). The same shall be strictly followed while designing the Service Level Agreements with service providers

n. Establish a Cyber Security Operation Center (C-SOC) using tools and technologies to implement preventive, detective and corrective controls to secure against advanced and emerging cyber threats. In addition, Cyber Security Operation Center is to be utilized for identifying unauthorized access to "Protected System", and unusual and malicious activities on the "Protected System", by analyzing the logs on regular basis. The records of unauthorized access, unusual and malicious activity, if any, shall be documented

o. Establish a Network Operation Center (NOC) using tools and techniques to manage control and monitor the network(s) of "Protected System" for ensuring continuous network availability and performance

p. Plan, develop, maintain and review the process of taking regular backup of logs of networking devices, perimeter devices, communication devices, servers, systems and services supporting "Protected System" and the logs shall be handled as per the Information Security Management System (ISMS).

5. Monitoring and Reporting

a. Receive Monthly Cybersecurity Compliance reports from Risk Champions and coordinate with committee on the metrics used to measure, monitor, and manage cyber risks posed to the company and to review the monthly reports on selected security risk topics as the committee deems appropriate.

b. Monitor and evaluate the quality and effectiveness of the company's technology security, capabilities for disaster recovery, data protection, cyber threat detection, and cyber incident response, and management of technology-related compliance risks.

c. Reporting the Conformity status of the existing and newly-onboarded vendors to Data Standards, NIST Cyber Security Framework, DPDP Act, ISO 27001, ENISA, NCIIPC, MeiTY Guidelines etc wherever applicable

5.0 Application wise Accountability

Name of Department/Branch	Name of Application	Designation Accountable	Module Name
Engineering Wing	Exit Exam	Chief Surveyor	Training & Exam Reform Initiative
	MEO Class 4 COC examination		
Nautical Wing	Long Range Identification & Tracking	Chief Ship Surveyor	LRIT
Crew Branch	BSID	Nautical Surveyor	Shipping Master Office
	Sea Fearer's Welfare Fund Society		Autonomous Bodies
	Seamen's Provident Fund Organization		
Engineering Wing	Swacchh Sagar Module - Port Reception Facility	Chief Surveyor	Swacchh Sagar
	Swacchh Sagar Module - Ballast Water Management		
	Swacchh Sagar Module - Bunker Supplier Information System		
	Swacchh Sagar Module - Single Use Plastic		
	RO Audit		Survey & Certification
	PRF Audit		
	Flag State Inspection		
IT & E-Governance	e-Governance	Assistant Director General of Shipping	e-Governance Application
	E-office		Office Purpose Applications
	NIC Mail egov		
Naval Architecture	SBFA	Nautical Advisor	
Training Branch	ADU Learning	Assistant Director General of Shipping	Training Module
	BES Ratings Exam		
	Centralized Automated Attendance System		
Personnel Branch	NIC Sparrow	Executive Officer	HR Applications
	e-HRMS		
Admin Branch	Visitor Attendance Management System	Deputy Director General	Office Purpose Application

Table 2

6.0 Committee Procedures and Agendas

1. ISSC Procedures

1. The Information Security Steering Committee meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each quarter.
2. The CISO will serve as the chair of the Information Security Steering Committee.
3. Documentation for the meeting will be submitted Tuesday at 5pm (**one week prior to the meeting**) to the IT & E-Governance Branch Team and will be sent on the file.
4. The agenda and documentation will be sent out by the CISO **one week prior to the meeting.**
5. Participants will be expected to have **read and reviewed all documentation prior to the meeting** and should be prepared with questions to be asked during the meeting.
6. Decisions within the meeting will be made through **consensus**.
7. Minutes will be captured by IT & E-Governance Branch Team during the meeting and shall be sent on the file.
8. Attendance will be taken at the meeting and, if the participant is unable to attend, regrets must be sent prior to the meeting and an alternate from the department must be identified. Absent participants will be expected to read the meeting minutes and are bound by decisions made in the meeting, notwithstanding extenuating circumstances.
9. The committee may establish **task forces or subcommittees** to focus on a particular business process, technology, or emerging issues as deemed necessary.

2. Meeting Agenda & Frequency

Agenda Item	Frequency	Time Allotment	Accountable Party
Security Strategy Presentation	**Quarterly**	**30 minutes**	**CISO**
Review Security Performance Metrics & Improvement Recommendations • Security Risk Metrics Report • Monthly Cybersecurity Compliance Reports • Security Project Metrics Report • Security Service Metrics Report • Security Policy Metrics Support • Information Lifecycle Metrics Report	**Quarterly**	**30 minutes**	**CISO**

Portfolio Review • Review capital planning and adequacy of resourcing • Monitor and report on project status and outcomes • Approve prioritized list of projects • Evaluate and select projects to endorse for funding • Approve standards and policies for resource allocation	**Quarterly**	**50 minutes**	**CISO + Risk Champions**
Policy Management • Review privacy and information security policies and standards and review the ramifications of updates to policies and standards	**Quarterly**	**20 minutes** (as needed)	**CISO**
Risk Management • Review prioritized list of risks and mitigation strategies • Approve plans for new or changed security service requirements	**Quarterly**	**10 minutes** (as needed)	**Risk Champion**
Information Lifecycle • Review information lifecycle process ownership	**Quarterly**	**10 minutes**	**Wing Head**
New Business	**Quarterly**	**20 minutes**	**Wing Head**

3. SIPOC Models

Supplier	Input	Process (Governance Responsibility)	Output	Customer
CISO	• Security Strategy and Roadmap	Provide oversight and ensure alignment between information security strategy and organizational objectives.	• Approval of strategic direction and roadmap for FY25-26 • Rejection of strategic direction and roadmap for FY24-25 • Request for additional information	Wing/Branch/Division Heads

CISO	• Security Budget Plan	Assess the adequacy of resources and funding to sustain and advance successful security programs and practices for identifying, assessing, and mitigating cybersecurity risks across all business functions.	• Signed endorsement of the security budget • Request for additional information • Recommendation for changes to the security budget	Wing/Branch/Division Heads
CISO	• Security Controls Documentation • ISMS Documentation • Improvement Recommendations	Review controls to prevent, detect, and respond to cyberattacks or information or data breaches involving electronic information, intellectual property, data, or connected devices.	• Approval of security control objectives and documentation • Launch corrective task force • Accept recommendations	Wing/Branch/Division Heads

4. Risk Champions

The risk champions for each Project/Module/Initiative will be designated by the Branch/Wing/Department Head.

They will be performing the below responsibilities:

1. Monthly reporting of the Cyber Security Compliance Report

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, Mumbai.

30 July 25

(Deependra Singh Bisen)
Dy. Director General of Shipping (IT & e-Gov)
Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

Re: Fwd: Re: Fwd: URGENT: Rajya Sabha Admitted Q.No. 318 to be answered on 2.12.2025 regarding "India's Maritime growth and green initiatives".

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Sir,

Please refer to the Ministry's email dated 28.11.2025 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the reply for point (b), (c) & (d) is as below;

(b) whether any cooperation has been made between India and Norway/Sweden in maritime sector to boost green shipping and shipbuilding in the country;
Reply: Yes, as per the records available with this Directorate, India is a lead pilot country in the IMO Norway Green Voyage 2050 accelerator, there is a feasibility study regarding the Green Corridors which is underway at present to promote green shipping and develop green corridors.
(c) the details of landmark agreement signed between Mazagon Dock and Swan Defence to build landing platform docks to strengthen India's defence shipbuilding capabilities;
Reply: The information is not available with this Directorate.
(d) the steps taken by Government to promote sustainable and environment-friendly practices to become a global leader in green shipping;
Reply: The Government has taken several initiatives to promote sustainable, energy-efficient and environment-friendly practices in the maritime sector with the objective of making India a global leader in green shipping. Major steps include:

1. Harit Sagar Green Port Guidelines (2023):
   All major ports are implementing these guidelines focusing on waste-to-wealth, renewable energy, water conservation and emission reduction. Under this, major ports have already achieved over 60% of their total power consumption from renewable sources, with a target to reach 100% green energy by 2030.
2. Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia Hubs:
   Three major ports—Kandla, Paradip and Tuticorin have been identified for development as Green Hydrogen hubs by 2030, supporting the transition to clean marine fuels.
3. Emission Reduction Targets:
   Major ports have been directed to reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2030 and net zero by 2047. Several ports have already reduced emissions through electrification of equipment, LED lighting, and shore-power facilities.
4. Renewable Energy Capacity:
   Major ports have collectively installed over 130 MW of renewable energy (solar & wind), with an additional 120 MW under implementation, significantly lowering their carbon footprint.
5. Green Shipping Initiatives:
   The Government has notified India's Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP), under which at least 50% of tugboats at major ports will be green (electric/ hybrid/ methanol-ready) by 2030.
6. International Green Corridors: (No partnership with UK in green corridors)
   India is working with global partners, including Norway, and the IMO, to set up green shipping corridors.
7. Digitalisation for Efficiency:
   Implementation of digital systems such as PCS 1x, RFID-based tracking, smart gates, and Just-In-Time (JIT) arrival systems has improved port efficiency and helped reduce vessel turnaround time and fuel consumption.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Warm regards...
डॉ. सुधीर कोहकडे. (भा रा से)
Dr. Sudhir Kohakade. (I R S)
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Subject: URGENT: Rajya Sabha Admitted Q.No. 318 to be answered on 2.12.2025 regarding "India's Maritime growth and green initiatives".
========== Forwarded message ==========



Dear Sir / Ma'am,
महोदय / महोदया,

Please refer to trailing mail from Section Officer, PD-III, MOPSW seeking inputs w.r.t Rajya Sabha Admitted Q.No. 318 to be answered on 2.12.2025 regarding "India's Maritime growth and green initiatives".

2. In this regard, you are requested to furnish point-wise inputs to Sl. No. (b), (c) & (d) to this Ministry by 3.00 PM (Today), Positively.

Thanks & Regards,
धन्यवाद & भवदीय,

from SBR Team
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय,

Lok Sabha Admitted Parliament No. 980 to be answer on 05.12.2025 regarding "Transforming India as Global Maritime Hub".

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To "Chiranji Lal Meena"<uscsit-psw@gov.in>,"SBR Section"<sosbrcsl-psw@gov.in>,"MandeepSingh Randhawa"<director-ship@gov.in>,"Manish Kumar Yadav"<usma-psw@gov.in>,"Babita Verma"<babita.dgs@gov.in>,"MA Section"<soma2-ship@gov.in>,"Sandeep Rohilla"<sandeep.rohilla@gov.in>,"Uttam Kumar Mishra"<psw-usiwt2@gov.in>

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4) (C.No.35547) दिनांक 02.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4) (C.No.35547) dated 02.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Mon, 01 Dec 2025 11:43:06 +0530 **SBR Section <sosbrcsl-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---

Dear Sir / Ma'am,
महोदय / महोदया,

Please refer to the trailing mail enclosing **Lok Sabha Admitted Parliament Question No. 980 to be answer on 05.12.2025 regarding "Transforming India as Global Maritime Hub".**

2. It is requested to kindly provide the inputs to this Ministry by today **i.e. 01.12. 2025 at 02.00PM on top priority.**

Thanks & Regards,
धन्यवाद & भवदीय,

from SBR Team
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4) (C.No.35547) Date: 02.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Admitted Parliament Question No. 980 to be answer on 05.12.2025 regarding "Transforming India as Global Maritime Hub".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 01.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether it is true that Chennai is all set to become a cruise hub and the getway to Malaysia, Thailand, Andaman, Puri, Kolkata, Puducherry and Sri Lanka in the next few years as more ships will connect various destinations, if so, the details thereof alongwith the action plan thereon; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) whether it is also true that the States like Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have become key hubs for export-import trade, fishing harbours, seafood processing, shipbuilding and repair, recycling industries, and maritime tourism and international cruise passenger transport and these States will continue to be a key partners and model States in the country's grand mission to transform the nation into global maritime hub, if so, the details thereof alogwith the investments made in this regard?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

2/12/2025

(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

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Lok Sabha Unstarred admitted Question No. 1125 dated 05.12.2025 regarding "Obstruction in Ship Movemnet near Ports".

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900)) दिनांक 02.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 02.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Tue, 02 Dec 2025 14:21:32 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT MATTER

Sir,

Please see trail mail. The said Lok sabha Unstarred Question admitted as Q.no.1125 to be answered on 5.12.2025 regarding " Obstruction in Ship Movemnet near Ports".

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 02.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred admitted Question No. 1125 dated 05.12.2025 regarding "Obstruction in Ship Movement near Ports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 02.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the number of incidents in Kerala ports like Vizhinjam in the last one year where ship movements were delayed or obstructed due to fishing vessels or other small craft entering designated ship channels;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) the measures being taken including signage, buoys, alerts, enforcement to prvent such obstructions and protect both port operations and fishermen's livelihoods; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) whether the Government has mapped the extent of restricted zones around major ports in Kerala and the warning/communication systems that are in place for small craft and fishing boats?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. S1868 admitted as Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 77 (Position No. 2nd) due for answer on 08.12.2025 regarding 'Slum demolitions undertaken by the Government of India' - reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 02.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Tue, 02 Dec 2025 14:32:43 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900)

Date: 02.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. S1868 admitted as Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 77 (Position No. 2nd) due for answer on 08.12.2025 regarding 'Slum demolitions undertaken by the Government of India'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 02.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(1) The number of slum demolitions undertaken by Union Government authorities since 2014, state wise;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(2) the total number of individuals or households displaced due to these demolitions;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(3) the number of persona rehabilitated, along with the form and location of such rehabilitation;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(4) criterion considered for deciding eligibility for rehabilitation;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(5) status of those families which did not qualify for rehabilitation and the aid provided to them?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

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(6) Budget utilisation under PMAY-Urban for in-situ rehabilitation of displaced people.

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

02/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Question No. 1115 regarding "International partnership in Ports, Shipping and Maritime Geo-logistics" to be answered on 09.12.2025.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) dated 04.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) Date: 04.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Inputs for the Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Question No.1115 to be answer on 09.12.2025 regarding "International partnership in Ports, Shipping and Maritime Geo-logistics".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether Government has held any discussions with any foreign Government or industry representative regarding the possibilities of international partnerships in the ports, shipping and maritime geo-logistics sector, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: The Government has been actively engaging with several foreign Governments, multilateral organisations and global maritime industry partners for collaboration in ports, shipping and maritime geo-logistics. These include partnerships for port modernisation, development of shipping infrastructure, green shipping initiatives, digitalisation and maritime skill development. Notable engagements include:

- **India–Denmark Green Strategic Partnership**, with initiatives on Green Shipping and the Indo-Danish Centre of Excellence in Green Shipping.
- **Bilateral cooperation** with countries such as Singapore, UAE, Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia and the EU in port infrastructure, maritime training, technology transfer and green fuels.
- The India–Norway Joint Working Group on Maritime Cooperation, focusing on green shipping, clean fuels such as green hydrogen and ammonia, ship-recycling and maritime innovation.
- **Industry-level partnerships** for capacity expansion, logistics modernisation and shipbuilding are being explored with leading global companies in Europe, Japan and West-Asia.

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- The India Maritime Week 2025, held in Mumbai from 27–31 October 2025, saw participation from **over 85 countries**, with more than **100,000 delegates and stakeholders** taking part. The event resulted in the signing of **over 600 MoUs** across areas such as port expansion, shipbuilding, logistics, maritime digitalisation, and green-shipping initiatives, with an estimated **₹12 lakh crore** in investment commitments.

(b) The details of reforms undertaken to modernize the country's port laws, maritime services and regional governance;

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Asstt. Director General of Shipping

URGENT - Inputs for the Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Question No. 1115 to be answered on 09.12.2025 and provisionally admitted question No. 7404 (for 12 December 2025)-reg.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) dated 04.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Thu, 04 Dec 2025 13:05:11 +0530 **Navneet Kadian <soic-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---



Respected Sir/Madam,

As per telephonic discussion, the email is forwarded again for appropriate action on merits at your end.

with regards,

Navneet Kadian,
Section Officer (International Cooperation),
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,
Government of India
011-23323864

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) Date: 04.12.2025

To,
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New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Inputs for the Lok Sabha Unstarred provisionally admitted Question No.7404 (Revised 2) for 12.12.2025 regarding "Global Partnerships in Shipping Sector".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has engaged with foreign Governments or industry representative to explore international partnerships in ports, shipping and maritime logistics and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and post-wise;

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Re: URGENT - Inputs for the Admitted Lok Sabha QS 2132 on Global Partnership in Shipping Sector to be answered on 12.12.2025 -reg.

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Provisionally Admitted Diary No. S3414 of Rajya Sabha to be answer on 09.12.2025 regarding "Cruise tourism development on the Konkan coast"

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Thu, 04 Dec 2025 11:43:40 AM +0530

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---- On Wed, 03 Dec 2025 14:55:34 +0530 **Cruise Shipping <cruise-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---



Sir/Madam,

With reference to the trainling mail, the requsite information (Rajya Sabha Admitted Parliament

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) Date: 04.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Diary No. S3414 of Rajya Sabha to be answer on 09.12.2025 regarding "Cruise tourism development on the Konkan coast".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether Government has identified the Konkan coast, including Raigad, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg, for domestic and international cruise tourism;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) the projects/studies prepared in this regard by the Director General (Shipping) or Sagarmala Development Company, the details thereof;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) the proposals and estimated budgets for developing cruise terminals/jetties at Mandla, Dighi, Dabhol, or Jaigad ports;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) the details of coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and the Maharashtra Maritime Board for infrastructure and connectivity; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(e) the details of measures taken for environmental conservation?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Re: Provisionally Admitted Diary No. S3414 of Rajya Sabha to be answer on 09.12.2025 regarding "Cruise tourism development on the Konkan coast".

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) दिनांक 04.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) dated 04.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Thu, 04 Dec 2025 15:06:41 +0530 **Cruise Shipping <cruise-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---



MOST URGENT

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the trainling mail, the requsite information (Rajya Sabha Admitted Parliament

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1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Rajya Sabha Admitted Parliament Unstarred Question No. 1116 to be answer on 09.12.2025 regarding "Cruise tourism development on the Konkan coast".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

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Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Re: Parliament Question: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.7372 regarding functions of IRS.

Co-ordination Branch DGS < coord-dgs@nic.in >
Mon, 08 Dec 2025 11:20:44 AM +0530

To "SO MG"<somg-ship@nic.in>,"MandeepSingh Randhawa"<director-ship@gov.in>,"Vivek Pahwa"<usml-psw@gov.in>,"MA Section"<soma2-ship@gov.in>,"Manish Kumar Yadav" <usma-psw@gov.in>,"Sandeep Rohilla"<sandeep.rohilla@gov.in>,"Babita Verma" <babita.dgs@gov.in>

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) दिनांक 08.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) dated 08.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Mon, 08 Dec 2025 10:11:37 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---



REMINDER II

Sir,

It may be noted that the attached Parliamentary Question has been admitted in the Parliament. Therefore, it is requested to expedite the matter and send the requisite inputs **today** by **12:00 noon**.

With regards,
ML Section / एम एल अनुभाग
Room No. 546 / कमरा सं. ५४६
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Transport Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001 / परिवहन भवन, नई दिल्ली - ११०००१

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F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 08.12.2025

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New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D.No. 7372 to be answer on 12.12.2025 regarding "Functions of the Indian Register of Shipping".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) is a Government, private or Government-controlled entity, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) is a not-for-profit company registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013. It is one of the nine independent classification societies (Body of persons) authorised by the Government of India under sub-section (1A) of Section 9 read with sub-section (2) of section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) for undertaking statutory survey and certification of Indian-flagged vessels.

(b) whether the Government monitors its functioning, if so, the details of reviews or assessments made during the last ten years, year-wise;

Reply: The Merchant Shipping Act or the Rules framed thereunder do **not** provide for monitoring of the functioning of IRS in respect of its internal administrative, managerial or financial matters. However, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has instituted an oversight mechanism for all ROs including IRS within the scope of the "Code for Recognized Organizations (RO Code)" promulgated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) only to ensure that statutory services rendered by ROs for Indian ships meet international safety and environmental standards as per the applicable IMO Conventions.

(c) the regulatory or statutory functions assigned to IRS along with relevant rules or notifications;

Reply: Government of India, under Gazette Notification **S.O. 3316(E) dated 26.12.2014** has authorised nine international classification societies including IRS to undertake statutory surveys and issue or endorse certificates for cargo ships under the following IMO Conventions / instruments:

1. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS-74)
2. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973/78 (MARPOL-73/78)
3. International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (ICLL-66) and its 1988 Protocol
4. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
5. Relevant Rules, Orders and Notifications issued under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

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(d) whether the Government has excluded other classification societies from similar roles, if so, the reasons therefor; and

Reply: As per Government of India Gazette Notification S.O. 3316(E) dated 26.12.2014, all the Classification Societies therein are authorised to undertake statutory services under the IMO Conventions/ instruments referred therein, subject to compliance with prescribed international and national requirements under the RO Code framework.

However, Government of India vide Gazette Notification S.O. 768(E) dated 07.11.1997 has appointed IRS as the sole **Load Line Assigning Authority** under the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979, which is an exclusive delegation restricted only to IRS. It was a policy decision of the Government to promote Indian Classification Services of mercantile marine in a field otherwise dominated only by foreign entities.

(e) whether any representations have been received from stakeholders regarding Governance of IRS or functioning during the last ten years, if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Reply: No representations from stakeholders regarding Governance of the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) is **pending** with the Directorate General of Shipping, as on date. Representations received, if any, are examined and disposed off in accordance with established procedures and within the citizen charter timelines.

However, recently, the Directorate is in receipt of complaints from (i) Shri. Maddila Gurumoorthy, Member of Parliament vide letter No. 408/2025/LB/MP/TPTY, dated:27-10-2025 (ii) Dr. Kadiyam Kavya, Member of parliament vide letter No.151/MP-WARRANGAL/2025 dated 26.10.2025 and, (iii) Adv. R. Sudha, Member of Parliament dated 27.10.2025 respectively, which are being examination as per the Government procedures.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

08/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Encl.: As above.

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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 26 दिसम्बर, 2014

का. आ. 3316(अ).—केंद्रीय सरकार, वाणिज्य पोत परिवहन अधिनियम, 1958 (1958 का 44) की धारा 7 की उपधारा 2 के साथ पठित 9 धारा की उपधारा (1क) द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए और भारत सरकार के पोत परिवहन मंत्रालय की अधिसूचना संख्यांक का. आ. 2044 (अ) तारीख 6 सितंबर, 2011 को उन बातों के सिवाय अधिक्रांत करते हुए जिन्हें ऐसे अधिक्रमण से पहले किया गया है या करने का लोप किया गया है, निम्नलिखित व्यक्तियों या व्यक्तियों को सर्वेक्षकों के रूप में निकायों को (i) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुद्र में जीवन सुरक्षा, अभिसमय 1974 (यथोसंशोधित) (सोलास–74), (ii) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पोतों प्रदूषण निवारण अभिसमय, 1973/78 (यथासंशोधित) (भारपोल 73/78), (iii) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय–भार लाइन–अभिसमय, 1966 (आई सी एल एल–66) और आई सी एस एस–66 से संबंधित 1988 का प्रोटोकाल, (iv) अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पोत भार माप अभिसमय ,1969 (v) उक्त अधिनियम के अधीन सूचनाओं सहित बनाए गए नियम और किए गए आदेश जो पोत महानिदेशक तथा उक्त व्यक्तियों या व्यक्तियों के निकायों के बीच किए जाने वाले संबंधित करारों में विनिर्दिष्ट किए जाएं, के अधीन स्थोरा पोतों के लिए सर्वेक्षण करने और प्रमाणपत्र तथा दस्तावेज जारी या पृष्ठांकित करने के लिए प्राधिकृत करती है, अर्थात्:

1. इंडियन रजिस्टर ऑफ शिपिंग,
   52 ए, आदि शंकराचार्य मार्ग,
   पवई झील के सामने,
   पवई, मुंबई–400072
2. एललॉयड रजिस्टर,
   71, फेंचर्च स्ट्रीट, लंदन ईसी 3 एम 4 बी एस,
   यूनाइटेड किंग्डम
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   93077 पेरिस–ला–डिफेंस सीडे,
   पेरिस–फ्रांस
4. अमेरिकन ब्यूरो ऑफ शिपिंग,
   एबीएस प्लाजा, 16855, नार्थ चेस ड्राइव,

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5. निप्पन कैजी क्यो काई,
4–7 कीआई–चो चियोडो–कू,
तोक्यो 102–8567,जापान

6. कोरियन रजिस्टर ऑफ शिपिंग,
90 गाजेओडंबुकरो, 23–7 जग–डोंग,
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जेनोवा, इटली

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सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग, रूस

9. डीएनवी जीएल एएस,
वेरिटस्वीन 1,
1322 होविक,
नार्वे.

[एफ.सं. एसआर–19012/1/2014–एमजी]

एन. मुरगानन्दम, संयुक्त सचिव

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th December, 2014

S.O. 3316(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1A) of Section 9 read with sub-section (2) of section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Shipping number S.O. 2044 (E), dated the 6th September, 2011, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby authorises the following persons or bodies of persons to be the surveyors, to carry out surveys and to issue or endorse the certificates and documents, for cargo ships, under (i) the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (as amended) (SOLAS-74); (ii) the International Convention for the prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973/78 (as amended) (MARPOL-73/78); (iii) the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (ICLL-66) and the Protocol of 1988 relating to ICLL-66 (as amended); (iv) the International Convention for Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969; and (v) the rules and orders made, including notices given, under the said Act, as may be specified in the respective agreements to be entered in to between the Director-General of Shipping and the said persons or bodies of persons, namely:-

1. Indian Register of Shipping,
52-A, Adi Shankaracharya Marg,
Opposite Powai Lake, Powai, Mumbai-400072;

2. Lloyds Register,
71, Fenchurch Street,
London EC3M4BS, United Kingdom;

3. Bureau Veritas,
17 bis, Place des Reflects,
La defense 2, 92400 Courbevoie,
93077 Paris-La-Defense Cede, Paris, France;

4. American Bureau of Shipping,
ABS Plaza, 16855 North Chase Drive,
Houston TX 77060, United States of America;

5. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai,
4-7 Kioi-cho Chiyodo-ku,
Tokyo 102-8567, Japan;

6. Korean Register of Shipping,
90 Gajeongbukro,
23-7 Jang-dong,Yuseong-gu, Daejeon, Republic of Korea;

7. RINA Societa per zioni,
Via Corsica,12-16128, Genova, Italy;

8. Russian Maritime Register of Shipping,
8, Dvortsaovaya Naberezhnaya, 191186,
St. Petersburg, Russia;

9. DNV GL AS,
Veritasveien 1, 1322 Høvik,
Norway.

[F. No. SR-19012/1/2014-MG]

N. MURUGANANDAM, Jt. Secy.

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MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(Shipping Wing)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 7th November, 1997

S.O. 768(E).— In pursuance of sub-rule (4) of rule 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules, 1979 and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of surface Transport (Shipping Wing) S.O. No. 913(E) dated the 10th November, 1995, the Central Government hereby appoints the Indian Register of Shipping, 72, Maker Tower, 'F' 7th Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai – 400005, as "Assigning Authority" for the purpose of the said rules.

[F. No. SR-11013/1/95-MA]
A. K. RASTOGI, Jt. Secy.

Provisionally Admitted Question in Lok Sabha Unstarred Diary No. - 6907(Revised 1) dated 11.12.2025 on Rising Demand for Crude Oil and Petroleum Products-reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) दिनांक 08.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) dated 08.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Thu, 04 Dec 2025 09:54:57 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please see trail mail on Provisionally Admitted Question in LokSabha Unstarred Diary No. - 6907(Revised 1) dated 11.12.2025 on Rising Demand for Crude Oil and Petroleum Products received from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) Date: 08.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question in Lok Sabha Unstarred Diary No. 6907 (Revised 1) dated 11.12.2025 on Rising Demand for Crude Oil and Petroleum Products-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs on points (b), (c) and (e) of the Directorate are as below.

(b) whether the Government proposes to strengthen country's maritime capabilities including port infrastructure, oil logistics and shipping capacity to ensure uninterrupted and secure energy supplies;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(e) the further steps or measures taken or proposed to be taken enhance India's maritime muscle in order to support the country's growing energy requirements and reduce dependence on foreign shipping?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Re: Inputs required for Rajya Sabha Question No. 1100 for reply on 09.12.2025 reg. Green Hydrogen Valley Projects under NGHM.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS(C.No.35547) दिनांक 05.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS(C.No.35547) dated 05.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please see trail mail and find attached the Rajya Sabha Question No. 1100 for reply on 09.12.2025 received from MNRE.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD - DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) Date: 05.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Sub: Inputs required for Rajya Sabha Question No.1100 for reply on 09.12.2025 regarding Green Hydrogen Valley Projects under NGHM.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.12.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) the current status of the three newly sanctioned Green Hydrogen Valley Projects under National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM);

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

b) the manner in which the Ministry is expediting the establishment of indigenous electrolyser manufacturing capacity;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

c) whether a robust mechanism has been put in place to monitor the green hydrogen production incentives;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

d) how the Ministry is promoting the utilization of green hydrogen in steel and heavy-duty transport sectors; and

Reply: (1) From the shipping perspective, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) is actively facilitating the adoption of green hydrogen and its derivatives as future marine fuels in India's maritime transport sector. As part of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, the major ports of Kandla (Deendayal Port), Paradip Port and VO Chidambaranar Port (Tuticorin) have been identified as Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia Hubs, enabling port-based production, storage and bunkering of clean fuels for heavy-duty maritime operations.

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(2) To facilitate the green transition in Indian ports, the Government has issued the Harit Sagar – Green Port Guidelines, 2023, which provide strategic guidance for the establishment of clean-fuel infrastructure, including hydrogen bunkering, shore-to-ship power systems, and increased use of renewable energy in port operations.

(3) The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) under Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways oversees and facilitates oversee users to help Indian-flagged ships comply with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Regulations for energy efficiency and emission control, including the Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI), Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) rating requirements, and the fuel-consumption reporting system. Such measures support emission reduction efforts and promote the shift towards green hydrogen and its derivative fuels to achieve international climate targets.

e) the final guidelines for the pilot projects on using green hydrogen in shipping and railways?

Reply: To support clean fuel adoption in ports and shipping operations, DGS has issued Merchant Shipping Notice No. 06 of 2023 providing regulatory requirements and interim recommendations for ships engaged in the carriage of liquefied hydrogen in bulk, covering design, containment and cargo handling systems, risk controls, crew safety and emergency protocols. These measures enable port authorities to plan compliant storage, transfer and bunkering facilities for hydrogen and other low-carbon fuels. Further, Ministry is coordinating with major ports and energy stakeholders to build capacity for Green Hydrogen/Ammonia readiness, and is supporting India's transition towards low-emission port service vessels under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP).

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

05/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Fwd: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question No. S3515 to be replied on 16.12.2025 regarding "Port Waste Management and Sustainability".

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.29880) दिनांक 05.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.29880) dated 05.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please see trail mail on Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question No. S3515 to be replied on 16.12.2025 regarding "Port Waste Management and Sustainability" received from PD-IV section,MoPSW.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD–DGS (C.No.29880)

Date: 05.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question No. S3515 to be replied on 16.12.2025 regarding "Port Waste Management and Sustainability".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 05.12.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The measures in place to manage waste generated at major and non-major ports, including hazardous waste;

Reply: Major and notified non-major ports have established **Port Reception Facilities** (PRFs) for collection, segregation, and safe disposal of ship-generated waste, including garbage, oily residues, sewage, and hazardous waste, in accordance with international regulations. Port-based waste handling is also aligned with waste management rules issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for hazardous and solid waste. Ports undertake regular audits, monitoring and waste transfer to authorised treatment or recycling facilities to ensure environmentally sound disposal.

(b) What steps have been taken to comply with international conventions such as MARPOL for waste management;

Reply: Indian ports and ships fully comply with the relevant provisions of the **International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78)**. All Indian-flagged vessels, as well as foreign ships calling at Indian ports, are required to comply with **MARPOL Annex V** relating to prevention of pollution by garbage from ships, which mandates carriage of Garbage Management Plans, Garbage Record Books and discharge of garbage only to authorised Port Reception Facilities. Compliance is ensured through Port State Control inspections, record verification and digital oversight.

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(c) **Whether there are any ongoing pilot projects or initiatives to promote the circular economy at ports; and**

Reply: Several pilot initiatives are underway for **circular economy and resource recovery** in ports, including co-processing of ship waste, plastic recycling, waste-to-energy demonstration projects, and linkage of PRFs with authorised recyclers. The **Swachh Sagar Portal** developed by the Directorate General of Shipping enables real-time digital tracking of ship-generated waste landed at ports, supports accountability, quantification of recyclables, and facilitates scientific recycling and reuse these initiatives in are alignment with circular economy principles.

(d) **How is the Ministry addressing gaps in waste management infrastructure at ports, particularly those located in ecologically sensitive zones?**

Reply: The Ministry is progressively enhancing waste handling infrastructure at ports, especially those located in **environmentally sensitive coastal and island regions**, by strengthening PRFs, enforcing stricter discharge controls and ensuring rapid waste evacuation from ships. The **Harit Sagar – Green Port Guidelines, 2023** provide strategic guidance for green transition at ports, including scientific waste management, renewable energy integration and environmental safeguards.

2. It is requested that further inputs may please be obtained from the Port Wing of Ministry.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

05/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Fwd: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No 6609 to be answer on 12.12.2025 regading 'Andhra Pradesh as a Key Logistical Hub' -reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) dated 08.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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---- On Fri, 05 Dec 2025 14:05:19 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



Sir,

Please see trail mail and find attached the provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No 6609 to be answer on 12.12.2025 regading 'Andhra Pradesh as a Key Logistical Hub'.

2. In this regard, DGS is requested to provide the point wise reply to the said question at the earliest.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 08.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 6609 (Revised 1) to be answer on 12.12.2025 regarding 'Andhra Pradesh as a Key Logistical Hub'-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 05.12.2025 attached therewith a copy of Ministry's letter No.H-11016/51/2025-SM dated 04.12.2025 and its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the steps taken by the Central Government to promote the development of Andhra Pradesh as a Key logistics hub on the East Coast, given its strategic location and potential for ports, inland waterways and cargo handling;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) the details regarding the financial and technical assistance provided by the Central Government for the same, classified year-wise;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) whether the Union Government has coordinated with the state government to identify priority areas for infrastructure development, including ports, inland waterways and other related facilities; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) the details regarding the steps undertaken by the Government to assist Andhra Pradesh in developing and streamlining a digital logistics platform to reduce logistical costs, especially related to inland and marine transportation?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.no.7300 for 12.12.2025 regarding Welfare of Abandoned Indian Seafarers-reg.

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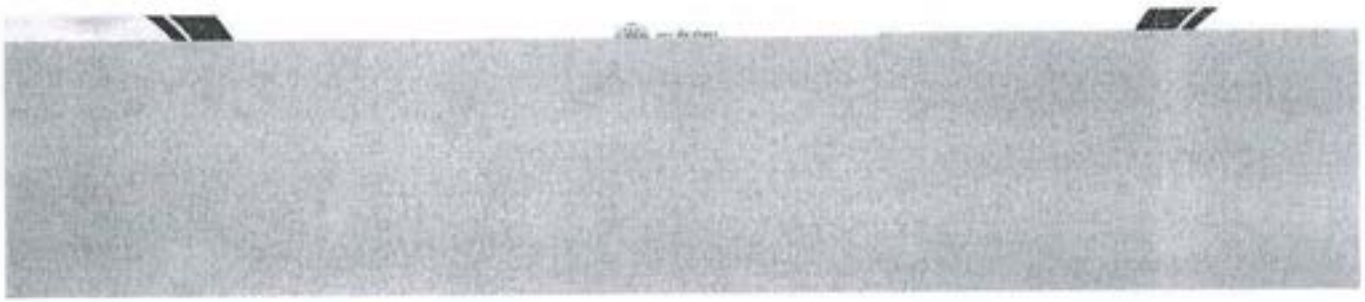
महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (C.No.35557) दिनांक 08.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) dated 08.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.no.7300 for 12.12.2025 regarding Welfare of Abandoned Indian Seafarers.

2. DGS is requested to provide the point wise reply of the said question at the earliest.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (C.No.35557) Date: 08.12.2025

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D.No. 7300 for 12.12.2025 regarding Welfare of Abandoned Indian Seafarers-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 05.12.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the number of seafarers abandoned in merchant ships in the country since 2022, including cases occurring in foreign territorial waters, EEZs and international waters, State-wise and year-wise;

Reply: **i)** Year-wise details of Indian Seafarers abandoned abroad countries and India.

Year	Vessels	Seafarers
2025	51	414
2024	57	358
2023	15	106
2022	17	91

(ii) State-wise details of abandoned seafarers in India
(These cases are included in the total figures above)

Maharashtra

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	3 vessels	20
2024	1	2
2023	-	-
2022	2	22

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Gujarat

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	22
2024	-	-
2023	-	-
2022	-	-

West Bengal

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	10
2024	-	-
2023	-	-
2022	-	-

Tamil Nadu

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	6
2024	-	-
2023	1	5
2022	-	-

(b) the procedures followed by Indian Embassies/High Commissions for tracing, assisting, and repatriating abandoned seafarers on Indian and foreign-flagged vessels;

Reply: Not applicable.

(c) the protocol adopted when an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore;

Reply: When an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore, the Directorate General of Shipping follows a defined protocol.

DGS immediately informs and coordinates with the concerned Indian Embassy/High Commission, local port and police authorities, the Flag State, shipowner, and P&I Club. Identity of the deceased is verified, and local authorities are requested to conduct the post-mortem, medical reports, and issue of the death certificate.

DGS ensures that all outstanding wages, medical bills, and contractual entitlements are settled through the shipowner or MLC financial-security provider. The Directorate then facilitates, through the Embassy, the embalming, documentation, and repatriation of the mortal remains to India at no cost to the family. The case is monitored continuously until the body is received by the next-of-kin and all dues are paid.

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Further, as per the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016, para 5 of (e) i.e. *"ensure, as far as practicable, that the ship owner has the means to protect such seafarers from being stranded in a port; and in such an event shall make adequate provisions for the repatriation of a stranded seafarer along with his maintenance and required emergency medical assistance prior to repatriation and the transportation of the mortal remains of a seafarer in the event of his death, and it shall also furnish a bank guarantee to cover the cost of repatriation of the seafarer in an event of his abandonment and being stranded."*

(d) **whether financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the MLC, 2006 are enforced for all seafarers in the country and the steps taken to secure unpaid wages, medical care and repatriation;**

Reply: Yes, the financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the MLC, 2006 are enforced for all seafarers engaged through authorised RPSL companies. Shipowners are required to maintain valid MLC financial-security certificates covering repatriation, unpaid wages (up to 4 months), medical costs, and compensation in cases of abandonment, injury, or death.

When abandonment is reported, the Directorate General of Shipping coordinates with the Flag State, P&I Club, shipowner, and RPSL company to activate the MLC financial-security provisions. These mechanisms ensure: Immediate medical care for the seafarer, Payment of outstanding wages, Provisioning and welfare support, and Timely repatriation at no cost to the seafarer.

If the shipowner fails to comply, the P&I Club or insurance provider is compelled to honour these obligations, and regulatory action is initiated under the MLC framework and national rules.

(e) the measures taken by Director General of Shipping (DGS) to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate Recruitment and Placement Services (RPS) agencies and strengthen grievance-redressal systems;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping has taken several measures to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate RPS agencies, and strengthen grievance-redressal systems. Key steps include:

- Issuance of Merchant Shipping Notice 11 of 2024 dated 03.06.2024 regarding Action against Recruitment & Placement Services (RPS) agencies and seafarers for utilizing deceitful practices. Direct action against Recruitment companies and seafarers involved in deceitful practices.
- MS Notice 10 of 2025 dated 01.10.2025 regarding Implementation of Revised guidelines for Inspection of RPS Providers under the Merchant. Most important action is each Recruitment company to be audited by the Administration once in every five years. The inspection area has been widened and ensuring and verifying financial security documents and many more important area to be verified during the RPSL Audit.

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- Strict regulation and audit of RPSL agencies, with mandatory compliance under the RPS Rules and MLC, 2006.
- DGS Order 09 of 2025 dated 08.08.2025 prior approval to new RPSL Companies screening of the RPSL credentials in accordance with the provision of the DGS order.
- Live online verification systems allowing seafarers to check Valid, Invalid, or Temporarily Blocked RPSL companies in real time.
- Linking of eMigrate ARN with passport, ensuring no seafarer can travel abroad without engaging a valid RPSL company.
- Seafarers can directly report to the DG Shipping through profile if the company have placed them on different vessel.
- Mandatory Form-1 issuance, preventing fake recruitment offers.
- Strengthened audit mechanisms, including inspection, suspension, or cancellation of RPSL licences for violations.
- Enhanced grievance-redressal platforms, including 24×7 helplines, email reporting, and coordination with Embassies and State authorities for quick action.
- Awareness advisories issued to seafarers, MTIs, unions, and shipping companies to prevent fraud and unethical practices.
- Meetings with the MEA and Embassies for faster and quick coordination under chair of the Special Secretary.
- Conducting online awareness for RPSL companies and seafarers regarding abandonment.
- Developed and added new course guidelines for awareness among the seafarers.
- Few more strict guidelines are under draft stage such as;
    - Enhancement of the bank guarantee.
    - Revision of the RPSL Rules
    - Blacklisting of the vessels and flags.
    - Creating online / offline seafarers' awareness.

These measures collectively enhance transparency, protect seafarers from fraudulent recruitment, and ensure accountability of RPS agencies.

(f) whether the Government maintains a database and early-warning mechanism for seafarer welfare and safety, if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: At present, there is no dedicated early-warning system available for predicting seafarer abandonment. The Government primarily depends on direct reporting by seafarers or their families or international welfare Organisations for seafarers. In many cases, seafarers first reach out to international bodies such as ITF, ISWAN, Port State Control authorities, or the vessel's Flag State. Once any such report is received at the Directorate General of Shipping, the case is immediately tracked, monitored, and followed up for speedy resolution.

Social-media advisories and awareness messages are regularly issued by DGS to help seafarers identify early warning signs and symptoms of potential abandonment.

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Separately, the Directorate operates digital systems such as SID, e-Migrate, DGS Database, RPSL Monitoring System, and linkages with the IMO/ILO Abandonment Portal—which help track Indian seafarers, their employers, and welfare-related concerns. Based on these inputs, DGS promptly coordinates with Indian Embassies, Flag States, P&I Clubs, and RPSL companies to ensure timely intervention and assistance.

(g) the benefits and legislative improvements expected from the recently passed Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 for abandoned seafarers?

Reply: (i) The Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 brings several benefits and important legislative improvements for abandoned Indian seafarers.

Key enhancements include:

a. Stronger enforcement provisions to hold shipowners, operators, and RPSL companies accountable in cases of abandonment.
b. Clearer statutory obligations for financial security, repatriation, medical care, and payment of wages, aligned fully with MLC, 2006.
c. Faster intervention powers for the Directorate General of Shipping to act against violators, detain vessels, and ensure timely relief to seafarers.
d. Improved grievance-redressal and penalty framework, enabling quicker resolution and deterrence against fraudulent or irresponsible operators.
e. Enhanced protection for seafarers on both Indian and foreign-flag vessels, ensuring uniform welfare and safety standards.
f. These reforms collectively strengthen India's legal framework and significantly improve support, response time, and security for seafarers facing abandonment.

(ii) Legislative improvement in relation to abandoned seafarers:

The following legislative improvements have been carried out under the new Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

The definition of 'abandoned seafarer' has been introduced in Section 3(1) of MS Act, 2025.

Section 62(6) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 **("MS Act, 2025")** is a new sub-section which imposes obligations on licensed recruitment and placement service agencies. Section 62(6)(a) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner has financial ability for repatriation of abandoned seafarers and Section 62(6)(b) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner repatriates abandoned seafarers, along with their maintenance and required medical assistance before such repatriation. If any recruitment and placement service agency contravenes clause (a) or clause (b) of Section 62(6), penalty which may extend to fifteen lakh rupees, may be imposed under Section 281(2) of the MS Act, 2025.

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Section 92 is a new section introduced in the MS Act, 2025 which requires arrangement of replacement crew to be sent on board abandoned vessels, from which seafarers have to be repatriated. This section was introduced due to the practical issue of inability to repatriate seafarers on abandoned vessels till a replacement crew is sent. This section seeks to provide that in case of abandoned Indian vessels and foreign vessel abandoned within India's coastal waters, if the shipowner fails to make arrangement for or to meet the cost of arranging for replacement crew to be sent onboard the vessel whose seafarers are to be repatriated, the Central Government shall arrange for a replacement crew to be sent onboard. The costs incurred by the Central Government for arranging such replacement crew shall constitute a debt owed to the Central Government by the vessel's owner or agent. Further, it clarifies that the shipowner shall not be entitled to recover such cost from the seafarer. In any proceeding in Part V of MS act, 2025 a certificate issued by the Central Government or an authorised officer confirming abandonment will serve as conclusive evidence of a seafarer's status as an abandoned seafarer under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

Further, measures to be taken for welfare of distressed or abandoned seafarers has been included as one of the matters [Section 5(1)(e)] on which the Seafarer's Welfare Board can advise the Central Government.

(iii) Expected benefits of legislative reforms/improvement:

The above legislative reforms are expected to remove any ambiguity in the definition of 'abandoned seafarers', clarify the obligations of recruitment and placement agencies financial obligations of ship-owners, action to be taken on failure of shipowner to repatriate the seafarers, replacement of crew and recovery of expenses for such replacement of crew. The overall impact is expected to be in the form of larger discouragement of practice of abandonment of seafarers and protections of rights of seafarers while on board vessels.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

08/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Transfer of Lok Sabha Question Notice Dy. No. 9437 Unstarred (CISF Security at Airports) scheduled for reply on 16.12.2025.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) दिनांक 09.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569) dated 09.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the Lok Sabha Question Notice Dy. No. 9437 Unstarred (CISF Security at Airports) scheduled for reply on 16.12.2025.

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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569) Date: 09.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Transfer of Lok Sabha Question Notice Dy.No.9437 Unstarred (CISF Security at Airports) scheduled for reply on 16.12.2025.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 08.12.2025 attached therewith a copy of Ministry of Home Affairs dated 05.12.2025 with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has designated the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as the security regulator for over 250 seaports in the country?

Reply: No, the Directorate General of Shipping is the designated authority for regulations of security of ship and port facilities as per notification issued by the Central Government under Section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 for the purpose of Part IX B of the Act.

(b) whether presently there is no uniform security template for seaports and at many places the security arrangements are being handled by private security agencies and local police?

Reply: No, the Directorate General of Shipping oversee the ISPS (International Ship and Port Facility Security) code compliance in the ports. Based on ISPS code and rules, security assessments are carried out considering the threat perception. Based on the security assessment, port facility security plans are made also taking in to account the advice of port facility security advisory committee. Based on the port facility security plans, the security arrangements are made in the ports.

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Government has issued guidelines to handle seaport security?

Reply: The port needs to follow the port facility security plan and guidelines issued from time to time by Directorate General of Shipping as required on the basis of threat perception.

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(d) whether the CISF has requested the Government to sanction 10,000 additional personnel for deployment to 80 seaports; and

(e) if so, the details and steps taken in this regard.

Reply: (d) & (e) - This questions dose not pertain to Directorate General of Shipping.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

09/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Provisionaly Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Dy. No. S5336 on 16.12.2025 (Environmental impact, fisher-mans relief measures, and compensation mechanisms following recent shipwrecks off the Indian Coast).

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(C.No.35417) dated 12.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy. No. S5336 (Environmental impact, fisher-mans relief measures, and

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) Date: 12.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Dy. No. S5336 on 16.12.2025 (Environmental impact, fisher-mans relief measures, and compensation mechanisms following recent shipwrecks off the Indian Coast).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 08.12.2025 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the government has completed a comprehensive assessment of environmental damage and livelihood loss from recent shipwrecks in Indian waters, particularly off Kerala;

Reply: Not applicable. The question does not pertain to this Directorate. The environmental assessment is under the purview of State Pollution Control Board.

(b) what key findings emerged, and if the assessment is still pending, what factors caused the delay;

Reply: Not applicable. The question does not pertain to this Directorate.

(c) whether any targeted relief package has been announced for affected fishermen; If so, provide details; if not, whether relief will be granted and within what timeline;

Reply: Not applicable. The question does not pertain to this Directorate. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fishermen.

(d) what transparent mechanisms exist to monitor post-disaster impacts and ensure timely, fair compensation to coastal communities;

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 50, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s. North Standard and M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims.

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(e) what concrete steps have been taken to secure pollution-related compensation from MSC Elsa-3 and MV WAN HAI 50?

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 50, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s. North Standard and M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims.

The Directorate is aware of the suits filed in relation to claims for the cost of environmental restoration arising from the incidents. It is submitted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the vessel owners. Additionally, two matters are presently under consideration before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), one relating to MSC ELSA 3 (O.A. No. 270 of 2025, Principal Bench, New Delhi) and another concerning MV Wan Hai 305 (O.A. No. 97 of 2025, Southern Zone, Chennai), where the Tribunal has taken suo motu cognizance of the incidents.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

12/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: MOST IMMEDIATE / PARLIAMENT MATTER: Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Questions Dy. No. 7496 to be answered on 12.12.2025 regarding "Shipbuilding Support Schemes"

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Sir

Please find the reply in 'BLUE'.

(a) the projects undertaken by Hindustan Shipyard Ltd. (HSL) under or in alignment with the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme;

Ans) No projects have been undertaken by HSL under SBFAP.

(b) the total amount of assistance or support received by HSL since 2016, year-wise;

Ans) Not applicable.

(c) whether HSL faces challenges related to modernisation, capacity utilisation or timely financial assistance, if so, the details thereof; and

Ans) Details of the same may be obtained from HSL

(d) the measures being taken to strengthen HSL's role in promoting indigenous shipbuilding and exports from Andhra Pradesh?

Ans) Details of the same may be obtained from HSL

Warm Regards,

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Respected Sir / Ma'am,

महोदय / महोदया,

Please find attached a scanned copy of Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Questions Dy. No. 7496 to be answered on 12.12.2025 regarding **"Projects under Hindustan Shipyard Ltd."**.

2. It is requested that point wise reply of the questions mentioned above may please be sent to this Ministry **positively by 05.12.2025**.

Thanks & Regards,
धन्यवाद & भवदीय,

from SBR Team
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Re: URGENT! Starred Parliament Question No. *186 for answer on 12.12.2025 on the subject "Drugs seized at Ports".

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Sir,

In continuation of the DGS' email dated 09.12.2025 on the subject cited above, I am directed to forward herewith the Supplementary Note on "Drugs Seized at Ports" for your kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.29880) दिनांक 09.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.29880) dated 09.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.29880)

Date: 09.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Starred Parliament Question No.*186 for answer on 12.12.2025 on the subject "Drugs seized at Ports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 09.12.2025 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the details of total drugs seized at ports across the country during the last five years, port-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the types of drugs seized thereat?

Reply: (a) & (b) - This issue does not come under the purview of the Directorate General of Shipping. The DGS does not have any information pertaining to seizure of drugs.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

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Supplementary Note on the subject "Drugs seized at Ports":

The Central Government has notified Merchant Shipping (Ships and Port Facility Security) Rules on 19th June 2024 for the purpose of implementation of International Ships and Port Facilities Security (ISPS) Code mandated through the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention. As per the notified ISPS Rules all ports need to be ISPS compliant. Hitherto, the ISPS code was implemented on Ports handling EXIM trade only. At present 72 ports handling EXIM trade are ISPS Compliant. In view of the latest MS (SPS) Rules, 2024, all the remaining ports are required to implement security measures to comply with the new rules which is expected to improve the overall security of all the ports of the Country. Also, the Central Government is in advance stage of forming a body exclusive for port security namely Bureau of Port Security (BoPS). Bureau of Port Security is expected to enhance the security of the ports.

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Parliament Starred Question Dy.No.10249 for 19.12.2025-reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) दिनांक 11.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) dated 11.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.



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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 11.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Parliament Starred Question D.No.10249 dated 19.12.2025 regarding "Green Tug Transition Program (GTTP)".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 09.12.2025 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the manner in which the Green Tug Transition Program (GTTP) is progressing towards its target of 100 environmentally-friendly tugs by 2040 alongwith the reductions in the carbon intensity of port operations achieved so far;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) whether the Green Hydrogen Green Ammonia Centres at Paradip Port Authority and V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority are progressing on the right track and whether the production and bunkering capacities are committed;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) the timeline for the full operation of the Kandla-Tuticorin Coastal Green Shipping Corridor alongwith the manner in which it is likely to encourage the use of clean energy and energy-efficient vessels; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) the manner in which the green and digital shipping corridors with partners like Singapore and Rotterdam helping drive investment and adoption of digital standards in India's EXIM logistics?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Fwd: Re: MOST IMMEDIATE / PARLIAMENT MATTER: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1918 to be answered on 16.12.2025 regarding "Employment and Cluster Development under Shipbuilding & Recycling Package"

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Sir

Please find attached inputs on PQ 1918

Warm Regards,

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Dear Sir / Ma'am,
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Please refer to trailing mail seeking inputs w.r.t **admitted** Unstarred Question No. **1918** for 16.12.2025.

2. Inputs have not yet been received.

3. Kindly furnish inputs by **TODAY 2PM.**

(a) Whether the Government has made any assessment of the potential for direct and indirect employment generation through the recently announced shipbuilding and ship recycling package, details please.

(b) The number of jobs expected to be created in proposed shipbuilding clusters and ancillary industries such as steel, logistics, and marine equipment manufacturing.

Ans a&b) The present proposed scheme, complemented by other endeavors to boost domestic shipbuilding demand, will revitalize the industry, and is likely to also lead to buildup of significant shipbuilding capacity and capability. Consequently, given shipbuilding's high employment multiplier of 6.4, there is potential of generation of direct, indirect employment of approximately 22 lakh (~ 2.2 million) jobs.

(Source: EFC note -Pillar 3, "Scheme for Capacity & Capability development and Credit risk coverage for shipbuilding in India – Shipbuilding Development Scheme" (SbDS)- Page 8/99)

(c) Whether the Government has undertaken measures to address supply-side and demand-side issues in the shipbuilding sector, such as demand aggregation, assurance and visibility under the National Shipbuilding Mission, details please.

Ans) Measures to address supply side initiatives in the shipbuilding sector are as follows:

1 SBFAP 2.0 is a continuation of the SBFAP (expiring in 2026) that focuses on providing direct financial assistance to enable Indian shipyards to secure orders by overcoming the operational cost disadvantages faced by the Indian shipbuilders vis-à-vis foreign yards.

2 The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) is expected to boost domestic capacity and indigenous shipbuilding activity significantly by creation of physical infrastructure as well as critical skills in shipbuilding and heavy engineering. India's commercial shipbuilding capacity is expected to increase to approximately 4.5 million GT per annum by 2047. The schemes has the following components:

- Capital support for greenfield capacity creation of new shipbuilding clusters – ₹ 9,930 crores
- Capital assistance to existing/ brownfield shipyards towards the expansion of production capacity - ₹ 8,261 crore
- Capability development through the establishment of the India Ship Technology Centre (ISTC) under IMU, which will support ship design, R&D, training and skill development - ₹ 305 crore
- Shipbuilding risk coverage to mitigate financial risks and provide insurance coverage including pre- and post-shipment and vendor default insurance - ₹ 1,443 crores.

There are several interventions that are being planned to provide an impetus to the domestic ship demand. Some of them are as listed below:

1 Shipbreaking credit note, - a credit note of 40 % over and above the ship's fair scrap value may be issued to the shipowner when their vessel is scrapped in an Indian yard. The above credit note would be reimbursable against cost of construction of a new vessel if being constructed at an Indian shipyard. This will encourage owners of older vessels to opt for ship replacement at Indian shipyards which will create additional demand.

2 Maritime Development Fund – A INR 25000 crore fund for both debt and equity financing is being set up to provide a competitive financing tool to the entire maritime industry including ship buyers to help them arrange the necessary funds for the procurement of ships.

3 Demand aggregation for government's ships – Discussions are being held with the various customer ministries and their associated agencies/ PSUs which are regular customers for shipping services and ships. The demand of these agencies over a 5 – 10-year period is being aggregated and made visible to the industry/ shipyards so that they may plan to meet the same.

4 Infrastructure status - Both ships and shipyards have been granted infrastructure status to ensure availability of low cost longer tenure financing.

5 To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular, Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

6 Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

7 To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017. As per this order, procurement of Ships of less than 200 crore is required to be from Indian shipyards.

8 The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

(d) Criteria adopted for evaluating and approving shipbuilding clusters across States, including the role of connectivity infrastructure such as roads, land availability, and supporting facilities.

Ans) Detailed guidelines are being formulated for site selection, funding mechanism, and project implementation under the shipbuilding development scheme for establishing maritime clusters in the country. The evaluation will be based on the appraisal of detailed techno-economic feasibility studies assessing site suitability for shipbuilding clusters. Additionally, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is conducting site visits to evaluate locational feasibility, including connectivity infrastructure such as roads, land availability, and supporting facilities.

Re: Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Question Diary No. S5549 and 1915 to be replied on 16.12.2025 regarding Implementation of Bills of Lading Act, 2025 and Andhra Pradesh Ports Infrastructure.

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महोदय/ Sir,

कृपया ईमेल के अंत में भेजे गए संदेश को अनदेखा करें। कृपया आपकी जानकारी और आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए उपर्युक्त विषय पर पत्र क्रमांक **F.No. 19-18011/52/2023-MTO - DGS (C.No. 22036)** दिनांक 11.12.2025 का डीजीएस पत्र संलग्न है।

Kindly ignore the trailing email and please find attached herewith a DGS letter No. **F.No. 19-18011/52/2023-MTO - DGS (C.No. 22036)** dated 11.12.2025 on the above mentioned subject for your information and necessary action.

Best regards
MTO Branch
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F.No. 19-18011/52/2023-MTO - DGS (C.No. 22036) **Date: 11.12.2025**

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New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Question Diary No. S5549 and 1915 to be replied on 16.12.2025 regarding Implementation of Bills of Lading Act, 2025 and Andhra Pradesh Ports Infrastructure.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's (MoPSW) email dated 10.12.2025 and 11.12.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the provisions of the Bills of Lading Act, 2025 will be operationalised at all major and minor ports in the states of Andhra Pradesh;

Reply: The Bills of Lading Act, 2025 has come into force w.e.f 10.09.2025. As the Act does not make any explicit reference to or distinction between its applicability to major and minor ports, it will apply to all ports.

(b) If so, whether training or capacity-building modules are planned for port officials and exporters; and

Reply: The language of the Act has been simplified and also provision on power to give direction by the Central Government has been added for smooth implementation of the Act.

It has been requested to the MoPSW, GoI vide DGS letter dated 11.12.25 that a seminar on all 05 new Acts of the MoPSW passed by the Parliament may be organised in the month of January, 2026 by the Ministry to disseminate the information on major reforms made by the new legislations, for the sustainable growth of Maritime sector enshrined in Maritime Indian Vision 2030 and Maritime Amritkaal Vision 2047 amongst the stakeholders (copy enclosed).

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Representatives of Ports, Federation of Indian Export Organisations and other associations may be invited for the same. This will serve a training and awareness seminar for stakeholders including ports and exporters on new legal reforms.

(c) the expected impact on trade logistics in Visakhapatnam and Kakinada ports?

Reply: The Bill of Lading Bill Act, 2025 retains the substantive provisions of the Indian Bills of Lading Act, 1856. The Bill simplifies the language of the substantive provisions and in addition to certain standard provisions, adds the power of the Central Government to issue directions. Owing to simplification of language of the provisions under the Act, it is expected that it will lead to easier processes related to transactions involving bills-of-lading, reduce legal disputes, and bring clarity about the rights and liabilities emanating from Bills of lading. This is in turn expected to benefit consignees, shippers and carriers.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Dy. Director General of Shipping

Encl: As above.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No. 15-13011/4/2025-MSL - DGS (C. No. 34445) Dated: 11.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi – 110001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri MS Randhawa, Director]

Sub.: One Day Seminar for dissemination of new legislations, proposed rules process for ease of doing business and growth of maritime sector through facilitative framework at New Delhi in First week of January, 2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the above subject.

2. In this regard, it is stated that as five the new Acts (MS Act, 2025, Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, Bills of Lading Act, 2025, Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025 and Indian Ports Act, 2025) have been enacted by the Parliament for growth of maritime sector during the previous (monsoon) session in the year 2025, it may be appropriate for the Ministry to disseminate the information and major reforms made by the new legislations, for the sustainable growth of Maritime sector enshrined in Maritime Indian Vision 2030 and Maritime Amritkaal Vision 2047 amongst the stakeholders.

3. This was also discussed during the meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for review of drafting of rules 17.11.25. It was desired by the Hon'ble Minister that a one-day seminar may be organised as part of public consultation for dissemination of information on all new Acts and also make the public aware on the drafting process of rules under new Acts. It was also discussed in the meeting chaired by the Special Secy on 05.12.25 at DGS Hqs,

4. The invites may include stakeholders of the industry associations, related Departments/organisations of Govt of India, ICG/ Indian Navy, and States, IFSCA, and State Maritime Boards etc.

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5. The draft Rules will be placed on DGS website from 12.12.25 to 11.01.26, it is therefore proposed that said one day seminar may be organised by the Ministry through IPA in the first week of January, 2026.

6. **The structure of seminar may be as below**:

Once decided by the Ministry minute to minute schedule will be drawn, however, the broad structure of the seminar may be as below:

6.1. **Inaugural session**:

Inauguration may be done by Hon'ble Minister in presence of Secretary, MoPSW, GoI., and other senior officers of Ministry, DGS, IPA etc.

6.2. **First half of the day**:

In the first half there may be five different sessions for all Five Acts (MS Act, CS Act and Indian Ports Act with larger allocation of time and Bills of Lading Act & COGSA with comparatively lessor allocation of time).

6.3. **Second Half of the day**:

In the second half there may be sessions on Rules proposed/being drafted under MS Act, CS Act and Indian Ports Act with focus on Registration of vessels, safety & emergency response, education, training and welfare of seafarers, fishing vessels & Sailing vessels, facilitation of coastal shipping/chartering of foreign flag vessels, and rules under Indian Ports Act.

7. **Webinar for Fisheries sector**:

Separately, it is also suggested that the Ministry may also write to the Department of Fisheries and Coastal States for consultation by way of intensive webinar on MS Act, 2025, Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and Draft Rules. This webinar will focus on fisheries sector.

Also, if necessitated another seminar in hybrid mode may be organised at Mumbai on Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and Rules with Coastal States Authorities and State Maritime Boards and Departments.

8. In Sagar Milap (scheduled from 29.01.26 to 31.06.26) also two sessions may be conducted on provisions under MS Act, 2025 on seafarers welfare and maritime education & training in India.

9. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, GoI.

Yours faithfully,

(Ash Mohomad)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (MSL)

Unstarred Lok Sabha Question Notice Dy. No. 11690 for answer on 19.12.2025 on Houthi Rebels and Indian Maritime Trade.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4) (C.No.35547) दिनांक 15.12.2025, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) dated 15.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4) (C.No.35547) Date: 15.12.2025

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Unstarred Lok Sabha Question Notice Dy. No. 11690 for answer on 19.12.2025 on Houthi Rebels and Indian Maritime Trade.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 10.12.2025 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government is aware that India's steadily increasing export trade is facing difficulties due to attacks by Houthi rebels in Yemen and while the Houthis claim that they target ships of Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom to stop Israel's operations against Hamas in Gaza, the severity of these attacks has resulted in ships of other countries also coming under fire:

Reply: India's maritime export trade has been experiencing operational difficulties due to the security situation in the Red Sea region. Since late 2023, attacks attributed to Houthi armed groups based in Yemen have targeted commercial vessels transiting the Bab el Mandeb Strait and adjoining sea lanes. Although these incidents created significant disruption during 2024, the overall trend in 2025 indicates a significant reduction in both frequency and severity of attacks due to enhanced multinational naval presence, improved coordination among regional partners and strengthened industry compliance with recommended security practices.

(b) whether as per available information, cargo ships are now compelled to reroute via Cape of Good Hope in South Africa, leading to increases transit time and higher freight charges and currently nearly 20 percent of India's trade passing through the Red Sea is being affected due to this situation, indicating an apparent lack of coordinated maritime security among major powers; and

Reply: (1) As per available information, several cargo vessels have adopted rerouting via the Cape of Good Hope to avoid high risk areas in the Red Sea and Bab el Mandeb region. Such diversions increase transit time, bunker consumption, insurance premiums and security related expenses, in line with the global rise in war risk surcharges and the need for enhanced onboard security. However, these routing decisions have been taken by shipping companies on commercial and risk management considerations to ensure the safety and security of Indian Shipping.

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(2) During this period, the Directorate General of Shipping undertook a series of coordinated measures to safeguard both Indian and foreign flag vessels with Indian seafarers. Continuous 24 by 7 monitoring was carried out through the Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) and DG COMM Centre, with immediate dissemination of alerts to the Information Fusion Centre Indian Ocean Region of the Indian Navy. Multiple maritime security advisories have been issued, emphasising adherence to Standard Operating Procedures, Best Management Practices, and guidelines on the carriage of armed guards. Close coordination was maintained with the Indian Navy, MEA, IMAC and international maritime security partners. The vessels were further provided guidance on safe routing, threat assessment and recommended navigational precautions. Through these combined actions, the Government ensured an active, multi agency response framework to support the safety of Indian maritime trade and seafarers.

(c) whether the Government has any plan to counter the threat posed by the Houthi rebels and ensure the safety of Indian Maritime Trade?

Reply: The following measures were undertaken to counter the threat posed by the Houthi rebels and ensure the safety of Indian Maritime Trade:

(1) The Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) and DG COMM centre operating on a 24x7 basis, continuously monitors maritime security incidents, receives intelligence reports, and co-ordinates response actions. Upon receiving information regarding an attack, piracy incident, or any threat to an Indian-flagged vessel or a foreign-flagged vessel with Indian seafarers, the Directorate promptly notifies the relevant maritime security agencies and stakeholders. Real-time crew details are shared with the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) of the Indian Navy to facilitate coordinated security interventions. The Directorate also engages with the Indian Navy, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and other national and international agencies to ensure timely responses to maritime threats.

(2) The Directorate remains actively engaged in the surveillance and monitoring of high-risk areas, particularly the Gulf of Guinea, Straits of Malacca & Singapore, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, the Western Arabian Sea, and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), where increasing maritime security incidents, including those linked to the Houthi faction and the resurgence of Somali piracy, pose significant threats to commercial shipping. In coordination with the Indian Navy, IFC-IOR, and MEA, the Directorate continuously assesses emerging threats and issues Maritime Security Advisories, which provide vessels with security updates, recommended risk mitigation strategies, and adherence to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Best Management Practices (BMPs).

(3) To strengthen preparedness and response strategies, the Directorate regularly convenes high-level meetings with Indian shipowners, shipmasters, port authorities, the Indian Navy, the Coast Guard, and security agencies. Additionally, industry stakeholders, including BIMCO, INTERTANKO, OCIMF, INTERCARGO, and other maritime security bodies, participate in strategic discussions on evolving threats and operational measures. These

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engagements focus on the implementation of security protocols, the risks associated with heightened tensions in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, and the renewed threat of piracy in the Somali Basin and Western Indian Ocean. Furthermore, deliberations have emphasized the economic impact of these security risks, including increased insurance premiums, higher operational costs, and the necessity of deploying armed security personnel on board vessels.

(4) Indian-flagged vessels have been directed to comply with DGS-mandated SOPs and BMP measures, ensuring strict adherence to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) guidelines concerning the carriage of armed guards. In situations where safety considerations necessitate a deviation, vessels have been advised to reroute via the Cape of Good Hope, despite the operational and economic implications.

(5) To further enhance maritime security measures, the Directorate has issued DGS Circular No. 08 of 2024, dated 10 April 2024, which establishes revised reporting mechanisms and enhanced security protocols. The circular mandates the immediate reporting of any maritime security incidents to both DGS and IFC-IOR. Additionally, coordination with the Indian Navy has been reinforced to ensure swift intervention in the event of a security breach. In light of increasing cybersecurity threats, the circular also emphasizes the adoption of enhanced digital security measures to prevent disruptions to vessel navigation and communication systems.

2. It may be further noted that inputs may also be obtained from Indian Navy and Ministry of Defence.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

15/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 3327 for answer on 19.12.2025 on Houthi Rebels and Indian Maritime Trade.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached a copy of the Lok Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 3327 for answer on 19.12.2025 on the subject "Houthi Rebels and Indian Maritime Trade" .

2. It is requested to provide the point wise reply of the said question at the earliest.

3. Soft copy (MS Word) of the inputs and materials may also please be sent through email.

With Regards
Marine Administration Section
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
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Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Starred PQ No.169 to be answered on 16.12.2025 regarding "Indoor stadium at Indian Maritime University, Visakhapatnam".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569) dated 12.12.2025, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.



2 Attachment(s)

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12- 22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569)

Date: 12.12.2025

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The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred PQ No. 169 to be answered on 16.12.2025 regarding "Indoor stadium at Indian Maritime University, Visakhapatnam".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 10.12.2025 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) when the proposal for construction of Indoor Stadium with Multipurpose Hall at Indian Maritime University in Visakhapatnam was sanctioned;

(b) the total amount sanctioned, released and utilized; and

(c) the status of work completed so far and by when the entire work would be completed?

Reply: (a) to (c) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

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Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. 11784 & 3347 to be answered on 19.12.2025 regarding "Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking clusters in India".

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3 Attachment(s)

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F.No.12- 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) Date: 16.12.2025

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.11784 and admitted as Unstared Ques. No.3347 to be answered on 19.12.2025 regarding "Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking clusters in India".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 15.12.2025 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the list of shipbuilding and shipbreaking clusters proposed, under construction and presently functional across the country, State-wise particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

Reply: There are currently no integrated shipbuilding clusters in operation across India. India operates only individual, stand-alone shipyards without consolidated cluster infrastructure or unified management frameworks. Some of the identified sites across the country to develop the shipbuilding clusters are Dugarajapatanam (Andra Pradesh), Kendrapara (Odisha), Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu), Kandla (Gujarat), Vadinar (Gujarat), Dighi (Maharashtra).

(b) the list of schemes, programmes and initiatives put forward for incentivizing setting up of shipbuilding and shipbreaking clusters in the country during the last five years;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized under the specified schemes for establishment of shipbuilding and shipbreaking clusters across the country during the last five years, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

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(d) whether the Government has set any targets for the number of shipbuilding and shipbreaking clusters in the country for the next ten years, if so, the details thereof?

Reply: The Government of India is targeting the development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters anchored by a minimum capacity of 0.5 million Gross Tonnage per cluster, with no specific limitation on the number of such clusters to be established across India's coastline.

2. Inputs of Cochin Shipyard Limited may also be taken.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

16/12/25

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question:Provisionaly Admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha-reg.

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Fri, 23 Jan 2026 4:53:44 PM +0530

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) दिनांक 22.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 22.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai

---- On Tue, 20 Jan 2026 11:46:39 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ----



MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached the Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Starred/ Unstarred Dy. No. S1585 (Environmental impact, fisher-mans relief measures, and compensation mechanisms following recent shipwrecks off the Indian Coast) scheduled to be put down for - 03/02/2026.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.8334)

Date: 22.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.S1585 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding "Environmental impact, fishermen's relief measures, and compensation mechanisms following recent shipwrecks off the Indian Coast".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 20.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether government has completed a comprehensive assessment of environmental damage and livelihood loss from recent shipwrecks in Indian waters, particularly off Kerala;

Reply: Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate. The environmental assessment is under the purview of State Pollution Control Board.

(b) what key findings emerged; if the assessment is still pending, what factors caused the delay;

Reply: Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate.

(c) whether any targeted relief package has been announced for affected fishermen; if so, provide details; if not, whether relief will be granted and within what timeline;

Reply: Not applicable. The question is not pertaining to this Directorate. It was brought to our notice that immediate relief was provided by the State Government for the affected fishermen.

(d) what transparent mechanisms exist to monitor post-disaster impacts and ensure timely, fair compensation to coastal communities;

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of

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(e) what concrete steps have been taken to secure pollution-related compensation from MSC Elsa-3 and MV Wan Hai 50; if non, why?

Reply: In this respect, Claims Desks have been established in both cases, MSC ELSA 3 and MV Wan Hai 503, by the vessel owners and/or the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard & M/s. Britannia P&I Club, to facilitate the collection and processing of claims.

The Directorate is aware of the suits filed in relation to claims for the cost of environmental restoration arising from the incidents. It is submitted that in the case of MSC ELSA 3, the Kerala State Government has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the vessel owners. Additionally, two matters are presently under consideration before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), one relating to MSC ELSA 3 (O.A. No. 270 of 2025, Principal Bench, New Delhi) and another concerning MV Wan Hai 305 (O.A. No. 97 of 2025, Southern Zone, Chennai), where the Tribunal has taken suo motu cognizance of the incidents.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

23/01/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Two Provisionally admitted questions for Rajay Sabha Starred / Unstarred Diary No. S661 and U776 for 03.02.2026 - reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) दिनांक 23.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 23.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Tue, 20 Jan 2026 12:44:42 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---



Sir/Madam,

Please find attachments. DGS is requested to provide inputs on the above mentioned provisionally admitted parliament questions on urgent basis.

With regards,
ML Section / एम एल अनुभाग

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 23.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted questions for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.S661 for 03.02.2026 regarding "Vessel Sharing Agreements competition law exemption and cartelization concerns mitigation".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 20.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(A) Is it true that the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has sought exemption of Vessel Sharing Agreements (VSA) from the purview of competition law under Section 3 of the Competition Act?

Reply: Yes.

(B) If Yes, does such an exemption carry the possibility of cartelization within the industry?

(C) What steps can the Ministry propose to allay fears of cartelization if such an exemption is awarded?

Reply: (B) & (C) – The exemption proposed is subject to providing 5% space to Indian Flag vessels which will allow fair competition and avoid cartelization by foreign companies.

Further, any complaint on unfair practices under the Competition Act, a scrutiny can be initiated.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 23.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted questions for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U776 for 03.02.2026 regarding "Amended maritime laws and legislative reforms as fundamental for promoting ease of doing business in Ports, Shipping and associated infrastructure projects".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 20.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government considers the recently amended maritime laws and legislative reforms as fundamental for promoting ease of doing business in Ports, Shipping and associated infrastructure projects?

Reply: Yes, five maritime legislations, namely the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025; Coastal Shipping Act, 2025; Indian Ports Act, 2025; Bill of Lading Act, 2025; and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, were passed during the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament, 2025.

(b) if so, the details of Government measures for streamlining approvals, simplifying land and coastal regulations, offering fiscal or tax incentives under the maritime package, and facilitating both foreign and domestic private-sector participation in port development?

Reply: These Acts are landmark legislations aimed at modernising India's maritime framework, aligning domestic laws with international best practices & International Maritime Organisation (IMO) conventions, ensuring that India's maritime sector remains equipped, ready and relevant to the contemporary and future challenges.

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The Act places strong emphasis on the welfare and wellbeing of seafarers, the growth of tonnage under the Indian flag, and the safety and security of ships, while ensuring minimal disruption to the marine environment. Its regulatory framework comprehensively addresses these priorities by focusing on the enhancement of national tonnage, the advancement of maritime education and seafarer welfare, the safeguarding of navigation and human life at sea, the protection of the marine environment, and preparedness and response to marine emergencies.

Among other significant reform done by the Act, one of the major reforms is for decriminalization of minor offences to boost the confidence of investors as part of Jan Vishwas exercise undertaken by the Union Government

The reforms under new legislations are intended to align with the objectives of ease of doing business and reduction of compliance burden.

As regard coastal shipping, the requirement for Licence for Indian flag vessels for engaging in coasting trade has been done away with which is a significant regulatory reform for promotion of ease of doing business in the shipping in India.

The Ministry may include inputs on other points of question such fiscal and port development matters.

(c) The timeline and institutional framework the Government intends to implement for periodic review of regulatory efficiency, investor-friendly reforms, and transparent governance to attract large-scale maritime investments?

Reply: At present, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, the formulation of subordinate legislations is underway. These rules are being drafted with stakeholder consultations and are intended to operationalise the statutory framework with clear and unambiguous procedures.

The inputs on the Indian Ports Act 2025 may be taken by the Ports Wing.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

23/01/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question - Provisionaly Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dairy No. 2677 to be answered on 10.02.2026 reg Maritime laws and legislative reforms

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:09:13 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---

Sir,

With reference to the attachment, It is requested to provide necessary inputs/comments on the above mentioned subject to the Ministry **urgently.**

With regards,
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India / पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
Transport Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001 / परिवहन भवन, नई दिल्ली - ११०००१

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) Date: 04.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.2677 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Maritime laws and legislative reforms".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 30.01.2026 and 03.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government considers the recently amended maritime laws and legislative reforms as foundational for promoting ease of doing business in ports, shipping and associated infrastructure projects?

Inputs: Yes, five maritime legislations, namely the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025; Coastal Shipping Act, 2025; Indian Ports Act, 2025; Bill of Lading Act, 2025; and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, were passed during the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament, 2025.

(b) If so, the details of Government measures for streamlining approvals, simplifying land and coastal regulations, offering fiscal or tax incentive sunder the maritime package, and facilitating both foreign and domestic private-sector participation in port development?

Inputs: These Acts are landmark legislations aimed at modernising India's maritime framework, aligning domestic laws with international best practices & International Maritime Organisation (IMO) conventions, ensuring that India's maritime sector remains equipped, ready and relevant to the contemporary and future challenges.

The Act places strong emphasis on the welfare and wellbeing of seafarers, the growth of tonnage under the Indian flag, and the safety and security of ships, while ensuring minimal disruption to the marine environment. Its regulatory framework comprehensively addresses these priorities by focusing on the enhancement of national tonnage, the advancement of maritime education and seafarer welfare, the safeguarding of navigation and human life at sea, the protection of the marine environment, and preparedness and response to marine emergencies.

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The Ministry may include inputs on other points of question such fiscal and port development matters.

(c) The timeline and institutional framework the Government intends to implement for periodic review of regulatory efficiency, investor- friendly reforms, and transparent governance to attract large-scale maritime investments?

Inputs: At present, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, the formulation of subordinate legislations is underway. These rules are being drafted with stakeholder consultations and are intended to operationalise the statutory framework with clear and unambiguous procedures.

2. The inputs on the Indian Ports Act 2025 may be taken by the Ports Wing.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

4/2/26

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

Provisionally admitted Unstarred Question No. U1193 and U983 for reply on 03.02.2026 reg. Enactment of new maritime laws.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) दिनांक 23.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 23.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Wed, 21 Jan 2026 10:15:07 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---



Sir/Madam,

Please find attachment. DGS is requested to provide inputs on the above mentioned provisionally admitted parliament question on urgent basis.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) Date: 23.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Question for the Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U1193, U983 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding "Enactment of new maritime laws".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 21.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the measures taken for capacity-building, rule-making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely and effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, namely the Bills of Landing Act, 2025; the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025; the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025; the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025; and the Indian Ports Act, 2025; and

Reply: The Directorate has is undertaking exercise to draft subordinate legislation under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 with internal expertise available with its officers and resources engaged for legal matters.

Expert members from industry have also been included in the committees for drafting of rules with Nodal officers to ensure participation of industry at the drafting stage itself.

(b) the details of stakeholder consultations, model rules or standard operating procedures issued under the newly enacted maritime laws to ensure uniform adoption by States, port authorities and shipping stakeholders?

Reply: At present, the formulation of subordinate legislations under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 is underway. The said rules are being drafted through a consultative process involving relevant stakeholders.

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In order to have adequate consultations, the Directorate have included expert members from industry in the committees for drafting of rules with Nodal officers. The rules were also placed on website of the DGS from 12.12.25 to 11.01.26 for inviting comments of public and stakeholders concerned. Processes and procedures are being reviewed in the rules to have simplified legal regime for shipping, for ease of doing business.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

23/01/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Additional information i.r.o Admitted Unstarred Question No. 477 for reply on 03.02.2026 reg. Enactment of new maritime laws.

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Ash Mohomad < amohd-dgs@nic.in >

Fri, 30 Jan 2026 1:42:21 PM +0530

To "SO MG"<somg-ship@nic.in>

Cc "Co-ordination Branch DGS"<coord-dgs@nic.in>,"MSLM.S.LawBrannch DGS"<msl-dgs@nic.in>

Dear Sir
Pl see the revised DFA.
Best regds
Ash Mohd

---- On Fri, 30 Jan 2026 12:30:35 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---



Sir/Madam,

Please refer to the trailing email forwarding therewith inputs on the above mentioned subject. In this regard, it is requested to furnish the requisite inputs on the following points also:

(i) Number and details of technical committees including stakeholders
(ii) Specific inputs in respect of capacity building and institutional preparedness.

With regards,
ML Section / एम एल अनुभाग
Room No. 546 / कमरा सं. ५४६
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India / पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
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---- On Fri, 23 Jan 2026 16:57:35 +0530 **Co-ordination Branch DGS <coord-dgs@nic.in>** wrote ---

महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) दिनांक 23.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 477
ANSWERED ON 03/02/2026

ENACTMENT OF NEW MARITIME LAWS

477. SHRI SUBHASH BARALA:

Wil the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken for capacity-building, rule-making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely and effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, namely the Bills of Lading Act, 2025, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Indian Ports Act, 2025; and

(b) the details of stakeholder consultations, model rules or standard operating procedures issued under the newly enacted maritime laws to ensure uniform adoption by States, port authorities and shipping stakeholders?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) In order to ensure effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, the rule-making exercise has been undertaken by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in respect of Indian Ports Act, 2025 and the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Mumbai, a subordinate organization of the Ministry in respect of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The exercise has been undertaken through a comprehensive consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders to ensure participation of industry at the drafting stage itself.

The following measures have been taken for capacity building, rule making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely implementation of new legislation;

(i) **12 Technical committees with Nodal officers from the Directorate General of Shipping and representatives from industry having knowledge and expertise on subject matters of rules to be framed have been constituted and these committees are working on finalisation of draft rules under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025**

(ii) **02 similar committees have also been constituted for drafting of rules under Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.**

(iii) **Legal Consultants have been engaged for assisting in drafting of the rules so as to have rule framework with simpler legal language.**

(iv) **A Legal vertical has been created in the Directorate General of Shipping. Steps are being taken to fill the post created in the Legal vertical, so that there is no delay in legal process and implementation of new legislations.**

(v) **The rules are being drafted with extensive discussions by the respective committees.**

As no rules were to be framed under the Bills of Lading Act, 2025 and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, these Acts have come into force with effect from 10th September, 2025.

(b) For comprehensive consultations, **12 Technical** committees involving industry experts and nodal officers from the **Directorate General of Shipping** were constituted in respect of rule-making under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

Various groups of stakeholders have been consulted while drafting the rules by the Directorate General of Shipping. The major stakeholders include Shipowners, Operators, Seafarers' Associations, Training & Education Bodies, Classification Societies, Ports & State Maritime Boards, Ship Management & Offshore Services, Coastal, Inland & Sailing Vessel Sector associations, Legal experts and related Government Departments.

For rules making exercise under the Indian Ports Act, 2025 the Ministry actively engaged with all relevant stakeholders, including Major Port Authorities, State Maritime Boards, and industry bodies.

The draft Merchant Shipping rules were placed on the website of DGS as well as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for public and stakeholders comments. Draft Coastal Shipping (Licencing of Foreign Vessels) Rules, 2026 and draft Coastal Shipping (Data and Strategic Plan) Rules, 2026 as mandated under Section 39(1) of Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and Draft Indian Ports Rules as mandated under section 76 and 78 of the Indian Ports Act, 2025 were published on 19.12.2025 and 23.01.2026 respectively, for information and observations/suggestions of all the persons likely to be affected thereby. Draft Coastal Shipping (Licencing of Foreign Vessels) Rules, 2026 and draft Coastal Shipping (Data and Strategic Plan) Rules, 2026 were also placed on the website of DGS as well as this Ministry for public and stakeholders comments. These rules aim to streamline processes and procedures to simplify the legal regime for shipping and enhance ease of doing business.

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Lok Sabha Unsarred Question Diary No. 3431 reg. (Now admitted bearing No. 1173) Implementation New Maritime Laws to be answered on 06.02.2026 - reg

3(B-2)

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Mon, 02 Feb 2026 4:43:21 PM +0530

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) दिनांक 02.02.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) dated 02.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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Date: Mon, 02 Feb 2026 14:23:39 +0530
Subject: Re: Fwd: Lok Sabha Unsarred Question Diary No. 3431 reg. (Now admitted bearing No. 1173) Implementation New Maritime Laws to be answered on 06.02.2026 - reg
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सत्यमेव जयते
भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) Date: 02.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.**3431** (Now admitted bearing No.**1173**) for 06.02.2026 regarding 'Implementation New Maritime Laws'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 27.01.2026 and 02.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the steps taken for capacity building, rule-making and institutional preparedness to ensure the timely and effective implementation of the new Acts (Bills of Lading Act,2025, Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, Coastal Shipping Act,2025, Merchant Shipping Act,2025, and Indian Ports Act, 2025);

Reply: In order to ensure effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, the rule-making exercise has been undertaken by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Mumbai, a subordinate organization of the Ministry in respect of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The exercise has been undertaken through a comprehensive consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders to ensure participation of industry at the drafting stage itself.

The following measures have been taken for capacity building, rule making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely implementation of new legislation;

(a) 12 Technical committees with Nodal officers from the Directorate General of Shipping and representatives from industry having knowledge and expertise on subject matters of rules to be framed have been constituted and these committees are working on finalisation of draft rules under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

(b) 02 similar committees have also been constituted for drafting of rules under Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

(c) Legal Consultants have been engaged for assisting in drafting of the rules so as to have rule framework with simpler legal language.

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(d) A Legal vertical has been created in the Directorate General of Shipping. Steps are being taken to fill the post created in the Legal vertical, so that there is no delay in legal process and implementation of new legislations.

(e) The rules are being drafted with extensive discussions by the respective committees.

As no rules were to be framed under the Bills of Lading Act, 2025 and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, these Acts have come into force with effect from 10th September, 2025.

(b) the details of stakeholder consultations, model rule or Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued to ensure uniform adoption of these new maritime laws across states, port authorities and shipping stakeholders; and

Reply: For comprehensive consultations, 12 Technical committees involving industry experts and nodal officers from the Directorate General of Shipping were constituted in respect of rule-making under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

Various groups of stakeholders have been consulted while drafting the rules by the Directorate General of Shipping. The major stakeholders include Shipowners, Operators, Seafarers' Associations, Training & Education Bodies, Classification Societies, Ports & State Maritime Boards, Ship Management & Offshore Services, Coastal, Inland & Sailing Vessel Sector associations, Legal experts and related Government Departments.

The draft Merchant Shipping rules were placed on the website of DGS as well as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for public and stakeholders comments. Draft Coastal Shipping (Licencing of Foreign Vessels) Rules, 2026 and draft Coastal Shipping (Data and Strategic Plan) Rules, 2026 as mandated under Section 39(1) of Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 were published on 19.12.2025, for information and observations/suggestions of all the persons likely to be affected thereby. Draft Coastal Shipping (Licencing of Foreign Vessels) Rules, 2026 and draft Coastal Shipping (Data and Strategic Plan) Rules, 2026 were also placed on the website of DGS as well as this Ministry for public and stakeholders comments. These rules aim to streamline processes and procedures to simplify the legal regime for shipping and enhance ease of doing business.

(c) the monitoring or review mechanisms set up to assess the progress and initial outcomes of the implementation of these Acts?

Reply: At present, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 are not in force and the formulation of rules is underway as mentioned in previous question.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

Parliament Question - Provisionaly Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dairy No. 2646 to be answered on 10.02.2026 reg Enactment of the New Maritime Laws

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) दिनांक 04.02.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Fri, 30 Jan 2026 10:04:55 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---

Sir

With reference to the attachment, It is requested to provide necessary inputs/comments on the above mentioned subject to the Ministry **urgently.**

With regards,
ML Section / एम एल अनुभाग
Room No. 546 / कमरा सं. [illegible]
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India / पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार
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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS(C.No.31900) Date: 04.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.2646 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Enactment of the New Maritime laws".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 30.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(i) The measures taken for capacity building, rule-making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely and effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, namely Bills of Lading Act, 2025; the carriage of Goods by Sea Act,2025; the Coastal shipping Act, 2025; Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the Indian Ports Act, 2025;

Inputs: In order to ensure effective implementation of the newly enacted legislations, the rule-making exercise has been undertaken by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Mumbai, a subordinate organization of the Ministry in respect of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 and the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The exercise has been undertaken through a comprehensive consultative process involving all relevant stakeholders to ensure participation of industry at the drafting stage itself.

The following measures have been taken for capacity building, rule making and institutional preparedness to ensure timely implementation of new legislation;

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(c) Legal Consultants have been engaged for assisting in drafting of the rules so as to have rule framework with simpler legal language.

(d) A Legal vertical has been created in the Directorate General of Shipping. Steps are being taken to fill the post created in the Legal vertical, so that there is no delay in legal process and implementation of new legislations.

(e) The rules are being drafted with extensive discussions by the respective committees.

As no rules were to be framed under the Bills of Lading Act, 2025 and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act, 2025, these Acts have come into force with effect from 10th September, 2025.

(ii) The details of stakeholder's consultation, model rules or standard operating procedures issued under the newly enacted maritime laws to ensure uniform adoption by states, port authorities and shipping stakeholders?

Inputs: For comprehensive consultations, **12 Technical** committees involving industry experts and nodal officers from the **Directorate General of Shipping** were constituted in respect of rule-making under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

Various groups of stakeholders have been consulted while drafting the rules by the Directorate General of Shipping. The major stakeholders include Shipowners, Operators, Seafarers' Associations, Training & Education Bodies, Classification Societies, Ports & State Maritime Boards, Ship Management & Offshore Services, Coastal, Inland & Sailing Vessel Sector associations, Legal experts and related Government Departments.

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(iii) details of monitoring or review mechanisms to assess the implementation progress and early outcomes of these Acts?

Inputs: The rules are being drafted. The process of drafting is being monitored at the Directorate General of Shipping and the Ministry level as well in the review meetings.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

4/2/26

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

Provisionally admitted question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U676 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding "Measures to promote green shipping and environment-friendly practices at Indian ports".

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Thu, 29 Jan 2026 2:56:11 PM +0530

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) दिनांक 29.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 29.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Wed, 21 Jan 2026 16:12:41 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 29.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U676 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding "Measures to promote green shipping and environment-friendly practices at Indian ports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 21.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the measures taken by the Ministry to promote green shipping and environment-friendly practices at Indian ports; and

(b) the number of ports equipped with shore power, LNG bunkering, and other green techs?

Reply: (a) & (b) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

29/01/2026
(N.R. Raut)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

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Re: PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: 3425 for Answer on 06.02.2026 regarding MSC ELSA 3 Cargo Vessel Incident.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) dated 02.02.2026, for kind information and necessary action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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MOST IMMEDIATE- PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached is the Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: **Diary No.: 3425** for Answer on 06.02.2026 regarding MSC ELSA 3 Cargo Vessel Incident.

2. You are requested to provide inputs to frame reply for the above question and material if any for supplementary notes if admitted as Starred Question.

सत्यमेव जयते
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569) Date: 02.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha provisionally admitted question Dy.No.3425 for answer on 06.02.2026 regarding MSC ELSA 3 Cargo Vessel Incident.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 22.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has been informed of the furnishing of a Rs.1,227 crore bank guarantee by the owners of the cargo vessel MSC Elsa 3 before the Kerala High Court, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: Yes. The Directorate is aware that the State Government of Kerala has filed Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam under the provisions of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017, titled State of Kerala v. MSC Akiteta II & Ors., seeking recovery of ₹9,531 crore from the owners and managers of the cargo vessel MSC Elsa 3 towards alleged maritime environmental damage, pollution, preventive and remedial costs, and economic losses, and for arrest of the sister vessel MSC Akiteta II. It may be further noted that vide order dated 04.12.2025, the Hon'ble Court has permitted furnishing security of ₹1,227.62 crore against the release of the sister vessel. The matter is sub-judice.

(b) whether the Government proposes to establish a clear, transparent and time-bound mechanism for collection of claims and immediate disbursal of compensation to affected fishermen and coastal families without delay, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

Reply: The Kerala State Government, considering the environmental and social issues arising from the MSC ELSA 3 shipwreck, has undertaken the disbursement of ₹1,000 as financial assistance, along with the provision of free rations to affected fishermen, as an interim relief measure. This has been implemented vide Order No. S.U.(Kai)11/2025/DMD dated 29.05.2025, in light of the severe impact on the livelihoods of fishermen in the coastal districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, and Ernakulam.

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In this regard, a Claims Desk was established in the case of MSC Elsa 3 by the vessel owners and the vessel's Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurer, M/s North Standard, to facilitate the receipt, scrutiny and processing of claims from affected stakeholders, including fishermen and coastal communities.

Environment Department, Government of Kerala had submitted its first interim claim based on the Fisheries Sector impact and expenditure incurred for decontamination efforts and other mitigation measures due to the MSC ELSA 3 Shipwreck, which was forwarded to the claims desk. The Kerala Government had requested for an immediate interim compensation of ₹55 crore to affected fisherfolk and an immediate reimbursement of Rs 22.15 crore to the Kerala Government for the costs incurred for the cost of beach cleanup activities and response operations.

With respect to claims pertaining to the State of Kerala, the matter is presently sub-judice in lieu of Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025, titled State of Kerala v. MSC Akiteta II & Ors., filed by the Government of Kerala before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. Accordingly, the claims arising therefrom are sub-judice.

The claims submitted by the Kerala Government on behalf of the affected parties in Admiralty suit no. 12 of 2025 pertains to the maritime claims arising from: (i) environmental pollution and damage to the coastline and related interests under Section 4(u) of the Admiralty Act, (ii) economic loss caused to the State's fishing community, and (iii) expenses incurred by the State in mitigating the consequences of the incident, including clean-up operations, manpower deployment, scientific assessments and public welfare measures.

Furthermore, with respect to claims pertaining to the State of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted its claims vide email dated 09.12.2025, which were forwarded to the Claims Desk. The claims, amounting to ₹1,041.805 crore towards compensation for environmental damage (Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board proposal) and loss of livelihood, rehabilitation of critical habitats / restoration of natural eco system (Fisheries Department), due to accumulation of plastic nurdles in Tamil Nadu Coast based on the aftermath of the sinkage of MSC Elsa 3, have been submitted along with a comprehensive claims analysis and supporting documentation. The vessel's P&I insurer has taken up the matter and is presently engaging with the Government of Tamil Nadu for further examination of the claims.

(c) whether the Union Government will ensure that the said bank guarantee is not treated as the ceiling of liability, particularly in view of the Government's of Kerala admiralty suit seeking Rs.9,531 crore in comprehensive damage, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

Reply: The matter is sub-judice in lieu of Admiralty suit 12 of 2025 filed by the Government of Kerala.

...3/-

(d) whether the Government is aware of the extent of environmental damage and economic losses suffered by fishing communities due to the MSC Elsa 3 incident, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Reply: Yes, the Directorate is aware that assessments relating to environmental impact and economic losses suffered by fishing communities are being undertaken by the concerned authorities. Environmental assessment and determination of damage fall within the mandate of the State Pollution Control Board and other competent agencies. Matters relating to environmental restoration and compensation are also under consideration before appropriate judicial and quasi-judicial forums, including the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal. The matter is currently sub-judice.

It may be noted that with respect to claims pertaining to the State of Kerala, the matter is presently sub-judice in lieu of Admiralty Suit No. 12 of 2025, titled State of Kerala v. MSC Akiteta II & Ors., filed by the Government of Kerala before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. Accordingly, the claims arising therefrom are subject to adjudication by the competent judicial forum.
It may be further noted that, in this regard, the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu, has forwarded a comprehensive claims report, which was forwarded to the vessel's P&I insurer, M/s North Standard. The insurer is presently engaging with the Government of Tamil Nadu for further examination and discussion of the claims.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. U891 to be answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'Modernisation of Indian Ports under Sagarmala to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia'-reg.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) dated 29.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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Please provide inputs for the provisionally admitted Parliament Question Dy. No. U891 for 03.02.2026.

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Date: 29.01.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Question Dy.No.U891 to be answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'modernisation of Indian ports under Sagarmala to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia'-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 22.01.2026 attached therewith OM No.H-11017/2/2026-SM dated 20.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the has expedited the projects under modernization of Indian ports under Sagarmala, 234 projects at cost of Rs.2,91,622 Cr. and if so, the details thereof and the current status of the projects;

(b) Whether the government has plans to develop the Chennai-Kamarajar-Cuddalore cluster as one among the six port clusters as mega ports cluster by 2047 if so, the details thereof;

(c) The effective steps taken by the government to make the eastern coast in Tamil Nadu as a Port and Shipping hub in Asia.

Reply: (a) to (c) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(N.R. Raut)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

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Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No S919 to be answer on 3.2.2026 regarding 'Maritime infrastructure development and inland water transport' - reg

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) dated 30.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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Please provide inputs for the RS Question Dy. No. S919 for 03.02.2026.

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F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No 9044) Date: 30.01.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.S919 to be answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'Maritime infrastructure development and inland water transport'-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 22.01.2026 attached therewith OM No.H-11017/1/2026-SM dated 20.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the progress achieved through Sagarmala project in terms of port modernization, connectivity, coastal shipping logistics costs and cargo capacity;

(b) the achievements made in multi-modal transport, freight efficiency and environmental sustainability through the development of national waterways;

(c) the success achieved in increasing the container traffic, transshipment and becoming a global hub through JNPT, Vizhinjam and other mega-port projects; and

Reply: (a) & (c) - No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) the progress made in the blue economy, maritime security and the ocean economy through shipbuilding and coastal employment under the Maritime India Vision 2030?

Reply: Progress in shipbuilding under Maritime India Vision (MIV) 2030:

(i) Government has undertaken focused policy measures to promote indigenous shipbuilding under the Maritime India Vision 2030, including financial assistance through Shipbuilding Financial Assistance (SBFA) Scheme, infrastructure status to shipbuilding, and encouragement to domestic yards.

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(ii) Indian shipyards have shown readiness in construction of various categories of vessels such as bulk carriers, tankers, offshore vessels, coastal vessels, dredgers, ferries and specialised vessels, contributing to capacity building and self-reliance.

(iii) Emphasis has been placed on green and energy-efficient vessels, including LNG, electric and hybrid propulsion systems, in line with India's commitments towards sustainability and reduction of carbon emissions.

(iv) Growth in shipbuilding activity will contribute in capacity building along the coast, skill development, and strengthening of ancillary industries, thereby supporting the blue economy and maritime security objectives of MIV 2030.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Questions Dy. No. U 623 to be answered on 03.02.2026 reg. 'Shipbuilding and ship-repair companies in Maharashtra'.

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.U623 to be answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'Shipbuilding and ship-repair companies in Maharashtra'-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 22.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether shipbuilding and ship-repair companies in Maharashtra are eligibility to avail multiple Central incentives simultaneously, including the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy, Ship Repair Cluster Development and whether uniform eligibility and prioritisation guidelines are in place;

Reply: Shipbuilding and ship-repair companies in Maharashtra are eligible to avail benefits under various Central Government schemes, including the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance (SBFA) Scheme and Ship Repair Cluster Development initiatives, subject to fulfilment of scheme-specific eligibility criteria and conditions. Each scheme is governed by its own guidelines, objectives and approval mechanisms. Availing assistance under one scheme does not automatically preclude eligibility under another, provided there is no duplication of benefits for the same activity or expenditure. Uniform principles relating to eligibility, financial prudence and monitoring are followed, while prioritisation is undertaken as per the objectives of the respective schemes.

(b) the number of shipyards in Maharashtra that have availed more than one incentive during last three years, the quantum of assistance received and whether benefits are disproportionately cornered by a few large players;

Reply: During the last three years, a limited number of shipyards in Maharashtra have availed assistance under SBFAP, which is effective from 2016 and valid until 31 March 2026.

Financial Year	Shipyard Name	Amount disbursed (in INR)
2024-25	Sunrich Ship Management Private Limited, Mumbai.	1,05,64,596.00

..2/-

(c) the steps taken to ensure transparency, prevent misuse, reduce procedural delays and ensure fair competition and meaningful participation of small and medium shipyards in Maharashtra?

Reply: The Government has taken several measures to ensure transparency, prevent misuse, reduce procedural delays and promote fair competition, including:

- Publication of detailed scheme guidelines and eligibility conditions in the public domain;
- Scrutiny of applications through established appraisal and approval processes;
- Periodic monitoring, audits and verification of claims;
- Use of digital platforms for submission and processing of applications to enhance efficiency;
- Outreach and facilitation measures to encourage meaningful participation of small and medium shipyards, including awareness programmes and hand-holding support.

These measures aim to ensure equitable access, timely implementation and effective utilisation of Government support in the shipbuilding and ship-repair sector.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

29/01/2026

(N.R. Raut)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Lok Sabha Starred Q Dy. NO. 1420 for 03.02.2026 regarding Status of the steel recycling industrial units in the country-reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) दिनांक 30.01.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 30.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Sat, 24 Jan 2026 23:44:10 +0530 **AshishKumar singh <ashish.ks90@gov.in>** wrote ---



Sir,

GMB, DGS and CSL are requested to furnish their comments in the matter urgently.

With regards

SBR & CSL Section
MoPSW

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS (29880) Date: 30.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Question Dy.No. 1420 for 03.02.2026 regarding Status of the steel recycling industrial units in the country-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 24.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(1) The number of steel recycling industrial units in the country;

(2) The percentage of recycled steel produced with regard to the total steel production in the country?

(3) The major industries in which recycled steel is used?

(4) Whether there is any national policy to regulate the steel recycling industry in the country;

(5) If yes, please provide the details thereof;

Reply: (1) to (5) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 1277 for 03.02.2026 regarding Steel Scrap Recycling Policy-reg.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 30.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Sat, 24 Jan 2026 23:47:29 +0530 **AshishKumar singh <ashish.ks90@gov.in>** wrote ---



Sir,

GMB, DGS and CSL are requested to furnish their comments in the matter urgently.

With regards

SBR & CSL Section
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD - DGS (29880) Date: 30.01.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Question Dy.No. 1277 for 03.02.2026 regarding Steel Scrap Recycling Policy-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 24.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the Steel Scrap Recycling Policy, 2019, which envisages a network of registered collection/dismantling centres linked to scrap processing centres, and whether it is aware that a large number of registered centres are reportedly not operational, resulting in continued informal and environmentally unsafe dismantling.

(b) whether the Ministry maintains a national database of registered vs actually operational centres (including commissioning status, location and capacity), and if not, the reasons therefor despite the policy's digital-tracking intent.

(c) the number of registered centres, number operational, and their aggregate processing capacity with policy targets/requirements.

(d) the estimated share/percentage of steel scrap processed through the formal registered channel during the last year.

(e) whether the Ministry proposes stricter compliance measures, including a "use-it-or-lose-it" registration/recognition framework with mandatory commissioning timelines, audits and de-registration, and the details.

Reply: (a) to (e) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Re: Lok Sabha Admitted Starred Question Dy. No. 2885 for 06.02.2026 regarding "Ship Breaking Job"

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Tue, 03 Feb 2026 5:22:47 PM +0530

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Sir,
In reference to the below trailing mail on the above subject wherein Ministry requested DGS to vet the draft reply. On perusal of reply, it has been observed that following part has been added to the DGS reply sent vide F.No. 12/22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) dated 30.01.2026.

"..... State Pollution Control Board and the State Maritime Boards/State Government concerned departments. It is pertinent to note that the strengthen regulations, infrastructure, upgradation and enforcement have significantly enhanced workforce safety in this industry in the Country."

Accordingly, it has been suggested that the earlier reply of DGS vide F.No. 12/22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) dated 30.01.2026 (copy attached) may kindly be taken as approved reply from the competent authority.

Warm regards...

डॉ. सुधीर कोहकडे. (भा रा से)
Dr. Sudhir Kohakade. (I R S)
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---- On Tue, 03 Feb 2026 10:53:50 +0530 **Pravin Kumar Roy <pravin.roy-dgs@gov.in>** wrote ---

Lok Sabha Admitted Starred Question Dy. No. 2885 for 06.02.2026 regarding "Ship Breaking Job"

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) dated 30.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) Date: 30.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha admitted starred question Dy.No.2885 for 06.02.2026 regarding 'Ship Breaking Job'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 27.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government is aware of the ship breaking job posing the most dangerous occupational and environmental health problems;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: (a) & (b) - Yes. The Government is aware of the Ship breaking job posing some hazardous, impact on occupational health and environmental health problems. Hence, based on Hong Kong Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC), 2009 (wherein India is party), Government has enacted the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, which aligns with HKC requirements and framed the Recycling of Ships Rules, 2021 which was notified on 26th February, 2021. Recycling of Ships Regulations, 2026 has also been notified on 12.01.2026.

(c) whether the Government is also aware of the fatalities, injuries, health hazards and work related diseases faced by the people due to Port, Shipping and Waterways industry in the country?

Reply: Yes. The Government is aware of the Ship breaking job posing some hazardous, impact on occupational health and environmental health problems. Hence, based on Hong Kong Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC), 2009 (wherein India is party), Government has enacted the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, which aligns with HKC requirements and framed the Recycling of Ships Rules, 2021 which was notified on 26th February, 2021. The fatalities, injuries, health hazard and work related diseases faced by the Ship recycling workers are being monitored by Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH).

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

30.1.26

(Dr. Sachin S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha PQ Dy. No. U454 for 03.02.2026 regarding "Progress, investment mobilisation, and workforce development under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2021-ORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 29.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.



2 Attachment(s)

U454.pdf
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Reply of PQ No U454.pdf
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD–DGS(C.No.8334) Date: 29.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U454 to be answered on 03.02.2026 regarding "Progress, investment mobilization, and workforce development under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 27.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(i) the percentage progress toward the 8 lakh crore investment target under the National Green Hydrogen Mission, with a public private sector break-up;

(ii) total full-time jobs created across the green hydrogen value chain and progress toward the 6 lakh jobs target by 2030;

(iii) measures taken with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to align skilling programmes with manufacturing, operations, and maintenance needs; and

(iv) the metrics and feasibility criteria like economic, logistical, and renewable energy integration, used to designate three swadeshi ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs under Component B2?

Reply: (i) & (iv) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Diary No. 3618 to be answered on 06th February, 2026 regarding 'Trans-Shipment Infrastructure'.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.35557) दिनांक 02.02.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.35557) dated 02.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.35557) Date: 02.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question Dy.No.3618 for 06.02.2026 regarding 'Trans-Shipment Infrastructure'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 28.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the number of under-developed trans-shipment ports identified in the country; and

(b) the number of projects approved/under implementation to reduce dependence on foreign trans-shipment hubs;

(c) whether the Government has any data on changes in coastal shipping volumes and cost efficiencies achieved following policy support for coastal and short-sea shipping; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Reply: (a) to (d) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Re: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 476 for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'India's maritime green hydrogen and electrification initiatives in eastern port'

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2021-ORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 29.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Thu, 29 Jan 2026 11:42:18 +0530 **MA Section <soma2-ship@gov.in>** wrote ---



MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 476 for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding **'India's maritime green hydrogen and electrification initiatives in eastern port'**.

2. It is requested to furnish point-wise reply/inputs to this Ministry urgently by **3 PM today** for framing suitable reply to the Question.

सत्यमेव जयते
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.8334) Date: 29.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.476 for answer on 03.02.2026 regarding 'India's maritime green hydrogen and electrification initiatives in eastern port'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 29.01.2026 attached therewith a copy of OM No.PD-24015/14/2026-PD-III dated 28.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the status of India's commitment of USD 20 billion for maritime infrastructure, including Green Hydrogen hubs at Paradip, as announced during Nor-Shipping 2025 in Oslo;

(b) the planned scale and timelines for green hydrogen bunkering, renewable port energy and electrification of inland waterways across eastern ports;

(c) whether Paradip and Dhamra ports in Odisha have been shortlisted for such green corridors; and

Reply: (a) to (c) - No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) the actions being initiated to encourage indigenous electric ferries and cargo vessels, including potential clustering around Odisha waterways, under the Green Voyage 2050 and inland waterways initiatives?

Reply: A study on potential demand and pricing of alternative marine fuels in India under the IMO GreenVoyage2050 Programme is presently being undertaken by International Maritime Organisation.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

29/1/26

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 304 for 04.02.2026 regarding "Implementation of National Green Hydrogen Mission".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2021-ORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 29.01.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.8334) Date: 29.01.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.304 (Revised 2) for 04.02.2026 regarding 'Implementation of National Green Hydrogen Mission'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Ques.Dy.No.304 (Revised 2) for 04.02.2026 received from Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's through WhatsApp on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the present status of implementation of the National Green Hydrogen Mission including electrolyser manufacturing and hydrogen production capacity awarded;

(b) the details of green ammonia supply agreements signed with fertilizer units and the pricing achieved;

(c) the ports designated as Green Hydrogen Hubs and the infrastructure being developed for hydrogen export;

(d) the timeline and milestones for achieving the five Million Metric Tonne (MMT) green hydrogen production target by 2030 and the major milestones identified for achieving this target; and

(e) the support given to the private sector for investing in Green Hydrogen technologies?

Reply: (a) to (e) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S3777 for Answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Dependence on Foreign-Flag Shipping and Freight Outflow

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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MOST IMMEDIATE- PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Sir,

Please find attached is the **Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S3777 for Answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Dependence on Foreign-Flag Shipping and Freight Outflow**.

2. You are requested to provide inputs to frame reply for the above question and material if any for supplementary notes if admitted as Starred Question.

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F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) Date: 04.02.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: S3777 for answer on 10.02.2026 regarding 'Dependence on Foreign-Flag Shipping and Freight Outflow'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 29.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has assessed the extent to which India's import-export cargo, including cargo handled through major ports such as Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority and other ports serving Maharashtra, is carried by foreign-flag vessels;

(b) the estimated annual foreign exchange outflow on account of freight payments to such vessels;

Reply: (a) & (b) – No information is available with this Directorate

(c) whether the Ministry is examining policy measures such as long-term cargo support, fiscal incentives and reforms in the tonnage tax regime to promote Indian-flag shipping;

Reply: For providing cargo support to the Indian ship owners, the GoI, has implemented the Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to Indian vessels, under which Indian-flagged, Indian-owned and Indian-built vessels are accorded preference in a tender/enquiry where a foreign vessel becomes L1 bidder.

For fiscal support, the Government of India has notified a "Scheme for promotion of flagging of merchant ships in India by providing subsidy support to Indian Shipping companies in global tenders floated by Ministries/ Department/Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSEs)". Under the scheme: subsidy support would be extended to Indian vessel when the Indian vessel matches the lower price offered by foreign vessels.

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(d) the timeline by which concrete decisions are expected to reduce India's vulnerability to global shipping disruptions and strengthen national maritime capacity?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Provisionaly Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dairy No. U1501 to be answered on 10.02.2026 regarding Domestic Production of shipbuilding components.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.9044) Date: 04.02.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dairy No. U1501 to be answered on 10.02.2026 regarding Domestic Production of shipbuilding components.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 29.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has assessed the extent of India's dependence on imported marine-grade steels, propulsion systems and shipbuilding components for domestic ship construction;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of such imports in the last five years, year wise;

Reply: (a) and (b) – No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) the details of Union Government initiatives for the domestic production of these components, including description of the initiatives taken, funds allocated and disbursed, year wise over the last five years and state wise where applicable and targets achieved?

Reply: Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) is developing a "Comprehensive Shipbuilding Portal" in which details of all shipbuilding components made by Indian companies will be showcased.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha starred/unstarred question Dy. No. S4050 regarding Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 for answer on 10.02.2025.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD–DGS(C.No.29880) Date: 04.02.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha starred/unstarred question Dy. No. U4050 regarding Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 for answer on 10.02.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 29.01.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) The details of projects approved, initiated and proposed under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 across the country, including port development, shipbuilding, ship repair, coastal shipping, inland waterways and allied maritime infrastructure;

Reply: Project related with capacity expansion and modernization of shipbuilding and ship repair clusters, promotion of coastal shipping, and development of maritime clusters under MAKV 2047 are at various stages of approval, implementation and conceptualization.

(b) the names of States where new ports, shipyards and maritime clusters are proposed, along with project-wise financial outlay;

Reply: New shipyards and maritime clusters are proposed or under consideration in coastal and riverine States/UTs including Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha. DGS does not have any information for project-wise financial outlay as of now.

(c) if so, the details of the specific projects sanctioned or proposed for the State of Tamil Nadu, including the proposed shipbuilding cluster, new shipyard and associated infrastructure; and

(d) The estimated number of direct and indirect employment opportunities likely to be generated, State-wise and project-wise, details thereof?

Reply: (c) & (d) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Parliament Matter - URGENT - ADMITTED Lok Sabha USQ 1176 for 6.2.2026 regarding assistance to Shipbuilding, Research and Development Scheme

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No. 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) dated 04.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
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---- On Tue, 03 Feb 2026 09:52:19 +0530 **SBR Section <sosbrcsl-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---

Dear Sir / Ma'am,
महोदय / महोदया,

Please refer to your trailing mail furnishing NIL Reply to ADMITTED Lok Sabha USQ 1176 for 6.2.2026 regarding assistance to Shipbuilding, Research and Development Scheme.

2. It may be noted that the question is also asking about 'assistance to Shipbuilding'. Accordingly, kindly furnish point-wise reply in terms of SBFAP too. The reply may kindly be furnished **by 2PM TODAY**.

Thanks & Regards,
धन्यवाद & भवदीय,

from SBR Team
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) Date: 04.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.**1176** for 06.02.2026 regarding 'assistance to Shipbuilding, Research and Development Scheme'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office email/letter of even number dated 02.02.2026 and to refer MoPSW's email dated 03.02.2026 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the details of projects approved under the Assistance to Shipbuilding, Research and Development Scheme including funds allocated, released and utilized during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;

Reply: The Projects approved towards the grant of financial assistance under SBFAS pertains specifically to the Shipbuilding contracts of various vessels built across shipyards in Goa, Gujarat, West Bengal, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh. The year wise financial assistance disbursed is placed as follows:

Financial Year	Amount disbursed
FY 2020-2021	₹ 49,98,33,610.00
FY 2021-2022	₹ 64,62,52,605.00
FY 2022-2023	₹ 58,03,99,287.00
FY 2023-2024	₹ 89,93,42,483.00
FY 2024-2025	₹ 1,37,24,95,799.00
FY 2025-2026 (till 3rd Qtr.)	₹ 1,23,13,33,159.00
Total Amount disbursed	₹ 5,22,96,56,943.00

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The details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise under SBFAS are as follows:

FY 2020-2021	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 30,37,09,387.00
Gujarat	₹ 9,86,42,223.00
West Bengal	₹ 9,74,82,000.00

FY 2021-2022	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 32,48,51,781.00
Gujarat	₹ 1,33,47,261.00
Kerala	₹ 30,80,53,563.00

FY 2022-2023	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 15,89,00,055.00
Gujarat	₹ 2,96,60,580.00
Kerala	₹ 37,52,13,616.00
West Bengal	₹ 1,66,25,036.00

FY 2023-2024	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 51,65,07,089.00
Gujarat	₹ 5,27,29,219.00
Kerala	₹ 10,49,81,250.00
West Bengal	₹ 15,60,63,785.00
Karnataka	₹ 6,90,61,140.00

FY 2024-2025	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 1,07,08,33,023.00
Gujarat	₹ 2,23,81,560.00
Kerala	₹ 4,04,02,977.00
West Bengal	₹ 2,79,32,503.00
Karnataka	₹ 20,03,81,140.00
Maharashtra	₹ 1,05,64,596.00

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FY 2025-2026	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 75,44,99,420.00
Gujarat	₹ 2,99,94,300.00
Kerala	₹ 3,42,21,498.00
West Bengal	₹ 3,84,24,995.00
Karnataka	₹ 32,12,76,054.00
Andhra Pradesh	₹ 5,29,16,892.00

(b) the details of projects approved from various State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh and their present status, district-wise;

Reply: The details of project approved under SBFAS in Andhra Pradesh are as follows.

Application No.	Shipyard Name	Application Submitted Date	Hull No(s)	Present Status (till date)
Y015100352	San Maritime India Private Limited	14-01-2026	116	Vessel under construction
Y005400289	San Marine	10-02-2025	1016	Vessel under construction
Y005400231	San Marine	13-07-2024	1020	Vessel under construction
Y005400230	San Marine	27-07-2024	1017	Vessel under construction
Y005400200	San Marine	18-03-2024	111	Financial Assistance Disbursed
Y005400201	San Marine	18-03-2024	1015	Financial Assistance Disbursed
Y005400175	San Marine	02-08-2023	109	Financial Assistance Disbursed

(c) the details of proposals received from various State Governments, including Andhra Pradesh, that are pending with the Union Government, along with funds requested and reasons for pendency; and

(d) the measures being taken no expedite appraisal, approval and implementation of pending proposals under the said Scheme?

Reply: (c) to (d) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha starred/Unstarred question Dy. No. 7465 regarding Maritime India Vision (MIV), 2030 Initiative for answer on 13.02.2026

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) dated 06.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,

नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई

D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) Date: 06.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha starred/unstarred question Dy. No.7465 regarding 'Maritime India Vision (MIV), 2030 Initiative' for answer on 13.02.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 02.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) whether the Government has awarded any new port development projects in major ports over the last three years, and if so, the details of these projects, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

b) whether these projects are part of the Maritime India Vision (MIV), 2030 initiative, and if so, the manner in which they contribute to enhancing cargo handling capacity and operational efficiency;

c) whether there has been an increase in capital expenditure and Gross Budget Support for the Ministry in recent years, and if so, the specific figures for Financial Year 2024;

Reply: (a) to (c) – No information is available with this Directorate.

d) whether the Government has implemented any measures to monitor the outcomes of MIV, 2030, including the establishment of tracking portals or cells, and if so, the specific functions thereof; and

Reply: Launched on March, 2023, by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways. The Sagarmanthan Portal is a real-time performance monitoring dashboard designed to enhance digital transformation, transparency, and data-driven decision-making in the maritime sector. It tracks projects, KPIs, MIV (Maritime India Vision 2030) and MAKV (Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047) goals and operational data for the Ministry.

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e) whether these initiatives are expected to create employment opportunities in the maritime sector, and if so, the estimates that can be provided regarding job creation?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

06/02/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 6480 on "Development of Beypore and Kollam Ports" for 13.02.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.31839) dated 05.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.31839) Date: 05.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Question Dy. No. 6480 on "Development of Beypore and Kollam Ports" for 13.02.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 02.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Union Government has held consultations with the Government of Kerala regarding the development of Beypore and Kollam Ports as satellite/feeder ports of International Transhipment Deepwater Port;

(b) If so, the outcomes of such consultations;

(c) whether the Government has assessed the potential role of Beypore Port in handling feeder cargo, coastal shipping and transshipment support for Vizhinjam Port; and

(d) if so, the estimated cargo volumes and economic benefits expected thereof?

Reply: (a) to (d) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

5/2/26.

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kolhakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U2617 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Policy changes to Expand indigenous fleet".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.29901) dated 06.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.29901) Date: 06.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy.No.U2617 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Policy changes to Expand indigenous fleet".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether more than 85 per cent of India's trade is dependent on foreign shipping;

Reply: Yes, a significant portion of India's trade is dependent on foreign shipping.

(b) if so, the policy changes being made to reduce this dependence and expand the indigenous fleet for economic and energy security;

Reply: The Government of India has initiated several policy and budgetary policies and reforms to reduce this dependence, strengthen energy security and expand the indigenous fleet. The initiatives undertaken with induction of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 are aiming to modernize legal frameworks, ease of doing business, and encourage Indian flagging of ships. To reduce dependence on foreign shipping and expand the indigenous fleet for economic and energy security, the Government has undertaken multiple initiatives. Indian-flagged vessels are promoted through Right of First Refusal (RoFR), regulatory reforms in ship registration, and measures under the Maritime India Vision 2030 to strengthen ship ownership, operations and financing.

Further, the Union Budget proposes setting up a Maritime Development Fund (MDF) with an initial corpus of ₹25,000 crore, with 49% Government contribution, to provide equity and debt support for ship acquisition. The MDF aims to increase the share of Indian-flagged vessels in global cargo, reduce dependence on foreign ships and provides long-term, low-cost financing for shipbuilding and infrastructure.

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The Shipping vessels have been classified as infrastructure assets to facilitate easier financing. The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) & Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) are available for shipyards to boost domestic shipbuilding by providing 15% to 25% financial assistance per vessel.

(c) the financial incentives and tax reforms adopted to attract private investment in domestic shipbuilding and financing under the 'Maritime India Vision'; and

Reply: Under the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) has been extended up to year 2036 with a total outlay of ₹24,736 crore. This will ensure direct financial assistance of 15% to 25% on contract values of vessels manufactured in Indian shipyards. To encourage fleet renewal, the government has introduced a ₹4,001 crore Ship breaking credit note scheme under which ship owners who scrap vessels at Indian yards receive a credit note worth 40% of the scrap value. In addition, targeted allocations have been made for shipbuilding capability development, design, research and innovation to strengthen domestic shipbuilding, generate employment, and support long-term growth of the indigenous maritime sector.

(d) the steps being taken to enhance maritime awareness and safety of Indian ships at chokepoints?

Reply: The following are the steps being taken to enhance maritime awareness and safety of Indian ships at maritime chokepoints;

(1) 24×7 Maritime Domain Awareness and Incident Monitoring:

The Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) and the DG COMM Centre operate round-the-clock to monitor maritime security incidents, receive intelligence inputs, and coordinate response actions. Upon receipt of information relating to attacks, piracy, or threats to Indian-flagged vessels or foreign-flagged vessels carrying Indian seafarers, the Directorate promptly notifies the relevant maritime security agencies and stakeholders. Real-time crew and vessel details are shared with the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) of the Indian Navy to enable coordinated and timely security responses. The Directorate also engages with the Indian Navy, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and other national and international agencies to ensure timely responses to maritime threats.

(2) Focused Surveillance of High-Risk Chokepoints

Enhanced surveillance and continuous threat assessment are undertaken in critical maritime chokepoints and high-risk regions, including the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Gulf of Guinea, Straits of Malacca and Singapore, Western Arabian Sea, and the wider Indian Ocean Region. In coordination with the Indian Navy, IFC-IOR, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), emerging threats such as those arising from Houthi-linked attacks and the resurgence of Somali piracy are regularly reviewed.

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(3) Issuance of Maritime Security Advisories:

Based on evolving threat perceptions, the Directorate issues periodic Maritime Security Advisories to Indian-flagged vessels. These advisories provide real-time security updates, recommend risk mitigation measures, and emphasize compliance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Directorate and internationally accepted Best Management Practices (BMPs) while transiting maritime chokepoints.

(4) Stakeholder Coordination and Preparedness Measures:

Regular high-level meetings are convened with Indian shipowners, shipmasters, port authorities, the Indian Navy, the Coast Guard, and other security agencies to strengthen preparedness and response mechanisms. Industry stakeholders such as BIMCO, INTERTANKO, OCIMF, and INTERCARGO participate in discussions addressing evolving security threats at chokepoints, operational challenges, and economic implications, including increased insurance premiums, higher operational costs, and the deployment of armed security personnel.

(5) Mandatory Compliance with Security Protocols:

Indian-flagged vessels are directed to strictly comply with mandated SOPs and BMPs, including adherence to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) guidelines on the carriage of armed guards. Where safety considerations so warrant, vessels are advised to avoid high-risk chokepoints and reroute via safer alternatives such as the Cape of Good Hope, despite operational and economic implications.

(6) Strengthened Reporting and Cybersecurity Measures:

To further enhance maritime security, DGS Circular No. 08 of 2024 dated 10 April 2024 has been issued, prescribing revised reporting procedures and enhanced security protocols. The circular mandates immediate reporting of all maritime security incidents to DGS and IFC-IOR and strengthens coordination with the Indian Navy for rapid intervention. It also underscores the adoption of robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard vessel navigation and communication systems from digital threats.

It may be noted that further information on the same may be kindly requested from the Indian Navy and the Ministry of Defence.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

06/02/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha(U2962) due for answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Modernisation of Ports.

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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(4)(C.No.35547) Date: 05.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Question for Rajya Sabha(U2962) due for answer on 10/02/2026 regarding 'Modernisation of Ports'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) What steps is the Indian government taking to address the environmental concerns related to ballast water management, specifically in the context of Andhra Pradesh's coastal regions?

Reply: Though India has not ratified the *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention),* the provisions of the Convention have been incorporated into the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, and the Ballast Water Management Rules are presently under formulation. Upon notification, these Rules will provide a statutory framework for enforcement of ballast water management requirements across all Indian ports, including those along the coast of Andhra Pradesh.

Notwithstanding the above, since the BWM Convention has entered into force globally, all foreign ships visiting Indian ports, including ports in Andhra Pradesh, are required to comply with the ballast water management standards prescribed under the Convention. Compliance by foreign vessels is verified through Port State Control inspections conducted by the Directorate General of Shipping at Indian ports.

In addition, port authorities operate approved environmental management systems, and ballast water management forms part of the overall marine environmental protection and pollution prevention measures at major ports in Andhra Pradesh such as Visakhapatnam, Gangavaram and Krishnapatnam.

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Further DGS Circular No.15 of 2022 mandates mandatory reporting of ballast water operations through the Swachh Sagar Portal, making it a centralized national data collection and monitoring platform. Ballast water uptake, discharge, treatment status and certification details reported on Swachh Sagar are analyzed to monitor compliance trends and operational practices.

(b) How does the lack of ballast water management regulations impact the marine ecosystems and fisheries along Andhra Pradesh's coast?

Reply: Uncontrolled or inadequately managed ballast water discharge is globally recognized as a significant pathway for the introduction of invasive aquatic species, harmful microorganisms and pathogens. Such introductions may disrupt marine ecosystems, alter biodiversity, and adversely impact fisheries and aquaculture.

Recognizing these risks, India has moved towards a legally enforceable domestic regime under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, while already ensuring that foreign vessels calling at Indian ports comply with internationally accepted ballast water management standards under the BWM Convention.

(c) What specific risks do the unregulated ballast water practices pose to the local biodiversity and economy of Andhra Pradesh?

Reply: If left unregulated, ballast water discharge could result in the introduction of invasive species, harmful algal blooms and marine pathogens, posing risks to coastal biodiversity, fish breeding grounds, and fisheries-dependent livelihoods along the Andhra Pradesh coast.

The forthcoming Ballast Water Management Rules under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, together with Port State Control enforcement for foreign vessels, are intended to mitigate such ecological and economic risks in a structured and uniform manner.

(d) Are there any state-specific initiatives or collaborations planned to address these environmental concerns and mitigate the risk associated with ballast water?

Reply: Ballast water management is addressed through a national regulatory framework, to ensure uniform application across all ports and coastal States. However, implementation involves coordination with port authorities, State maritime boards and environmental agencies.

In this regard, the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) is establishing a Ballast Water Treatment Technologies Test Facility (BWTT-TF) at its sea-front campus in Andhra Pradesh. The facility is envisaged as a national center to support the implementation and enforcement of ballast water management requirements in India.

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(e) If yes; details thereof;

Reply: The land-based Ballast Water Treatment Technologies Test Facility (BWTT-TF) established at NIOT's Andhra Pradesh site has access to marine, brackish and fresh water environments. The facility includes dedicated storage and test infrastructure, comprising approximately 600 cubic metres of feed tanks, 300 cubic metres of test tanks and 300 cubic metres of control tanks, with a minimum operational flow rate of 200 cubic metres per hour. The facility is further supported by a Standard Organism Test Culture Facility, enabling controlled and scientifically robust testing protocols.

The BWTT-TF is intended to support compliance with the IMO Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling (G2), adopted through resolution MEPC.173(58), and to strengthen India's technical capability for ballast water oversight. The facility will enable the country to develop in-country capacity for independent testing, validation and type-approval support of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS), as well as to standardise ballast water sampling and analysis during Port State Control inspections.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Unstarred Diary No. U2701 answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Cruise Tourism."

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) dated 05.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

---- On Tue, 03 Feb 2026 16:14:00 +0530 **Cruise Shipping <cruise-psw@gov.in>** wrote ---

Sir,

Please find attached **Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Unstarred Diary No. U2701 answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Cruise Tourism.".**

2. It is requested to kindly provide/inputs to this Ministry by tomorrow. i.e. 04.02.**2026 at 12.00PM** on top priority.

Thanks & Regards,

धन्यवाद & भवदीय,
Cruise Shipping Section

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Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2)(C.No.35569) Date: 05.02.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Parliament Unstarred Diary No. U2701 answer on 10.02.2026 regarding Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Cruise Tourism.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 03.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has formulated any long-term strategy to promote coastal and riverine tourism through cruises, including infrastructure development, connectivity, and marketing initiatives;

(b) Whether any financial or policy incentives have been provided to domestic cruise operators to boost indigenous cruise tourism;

(c) Whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to ensure safety standards in cruise operations, including waste management, emissions control, and passenger safety protocols;

(d) Whether the Government has assessed the socio-economic impact of cruise tourism on local communities, including employment generation, skill development, and livelihood opportunities in port cities and riverine destinations;

(e) If so; the details thereof;

Reply: (a) to (e) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

5/2/26

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade)
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Parliament Question - Rajya Sabha US Question Diary No. 1279 to be answered on 10.02.2026 regarding Enactment of the New Maritime Laws raised by Shri Sujeet Kumar

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---- On Wed, 04 Feb 2026 15:42:55 +0530 **SO MG <somg-ship@nic.in>** wrote ---

Sir,

With reference to the attachment, It is requested to provide necessary **inputs/comments** on the above mentioned subject to the Ministry by **06.02.2026 FN.**

With regards,
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Sub: Parliament Question - Rajya Sabha US Question Diary No. 1279 to be answered on 10.02.2026 regarding Enactment of the New Maritime Laws raised by Shri Sujeet Kumar.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the details of monitoring or review mechanisms to assess the implementation progress and early outcomes of those Acts?

Reply: The review of acts/laws/rules is a continuous and ongoing process based on inputs/ suggestions/complaints from stakeholders as well as based on the recommendation of researchers, analysts and experts in the field.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) दिनांक 06.02.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) dated 05.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) Date: 05.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D.No. 7741 for 13.02.2026 regarding 'Welfare of Indian Seafarers'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 05.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the number of seafarers abandoned in merchant ships in the country since 2022, including cases occurring in foreign territorial waters, Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs), and international waters; State-wise and year-wise;

Reply: **i)** Year-wise details of Indian Seafarers abandoned abroad countries and India.

Year	Vessels	Seafarers
2025	51	414
2024	57	358
2023	15	106
2022	17	91

(ii) State-wise details of abandoned seafarers in India
(These cases are included in the total figures above)

Maharashtra

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	3 vessels	20
2024	1	2
2023	-	-
2022	2	22

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Gujarat

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	22
2024	-	-
2023	-	-
2022	-	-

West Bengal

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	10
2024	-	-
2023	-	-
2022	-	-

Tamil Nadu

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1 vessel	6
2024	-	-
2023	1	5
2022	-	-

(b) the procedures followed by Indian Embassies/High Commissions for tracing, assisting, and repatriating abandoned seafarers on Indian and foreign-flagged vessels;

Reply: Not applicable.

(c) the details of the protocol adopted when an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore;

Reply: When an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore, the Directorate General of Shipping follows a defined protocol.

DGS immediately informs and coordinates with the concerned Indian Embassy/High Commission, local port and police authorities, the Flag State, shipowner, and P&I Club. Identity of the deceased is verified, and local authorities are requested to conduct the post-mortem, medical reports, and issue of the death certificate.

DGS ensures that all outstanding wages, medical bills, and contractual entitlements are settled through the shipowner or MLC financial-security provider. The Directorate then facilitates, through the Embassy, the embalming, documentation, and repatriation of the mortal remains to India at no cost to the family. The case is monitored continuously until the body is received by the next-of-kin and all dues are paid.

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Further, as per the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016, para 5 of (e) i.e. *"ensure, as far as practicable, that the ship owner has the means to protect such seafarers from being stranded in a port; and in such an event shall make adequate provisions for the repatriation of a stranded seafarer along with his maintenance and required emergency medical assistance prior to repatriation and the transportation of the mortal remains of a seafarer in the event of his death, and it shall also furnish a bank guarantee to cover the cost of repatriation of the seafarer in an event of his abandonment and being stranded."*

(d) **whether financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 are enforced for all Indian seafarers alongwith the steps taken to secure unpaid wages, medical care and repatriation**;

Reply: Yes, the financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the MLC, 2006 are enforced for all seafarers engaged through authorised RPSL companies. Shipowners are required to maintain valid MLC financial-security certificates covering repatriation, unpaid wages (up to 4 months), medical costs, and compensation in cases of abandonment, injury, or death.

When abandonment is reported, the Directorate General of Shipping coordinates with the Flag State, P&I Club, shipowner, and RPSL company to activate the MLC financial-security provisions. These mechanisms ensure: Immediate medical care for the seafarer, Payment of outstanding wages, Provisioning and welfare support, and Timely repatriation at no cost to the seafarer.

If the shipowner fails to comply, the P&I Club or insurance provider is compelled to honour these obligations, and regulatory action is initiated under the MLC framework and national rules.

(e) the measures being taken by Director General of Shipping (DGS) to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate Recruitment and Placement Services (RPS) agencies and strengthen grievance-redressal systems;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping has taken several measures to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate RPS agencies, and strengthen grievance-redressal systems. Key steps include:

- Issuance of Merchant Shipping Notice 11 of 2024 dated 03.06.2024 regarding Action against Recruitment & Placement Services (RPS) agencies and seafarers for utilizing deceitful practices. Direct action against Recruitment companies and seafarers involved in deceitful practices.
- MS Notice 10 of 2025 dated 01.10.2025 regarding Implementation of Revised guidelines for Inspection of RPS Providers under the Merchant. Most important action is each Recruitment company to be audited by the Administration once in every five years. The inspection area has been widened and ensuring and verifying financial security documents and many more important area to be verified during the RPSL Audit.

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- Strict regulation and audit of RPSL agencies, with mandatory compliance under the RPS Rules and MLC, 2006.
- DGS Order 09 of 2025 dated 08.08.2025 prior approval to new RPSL Companies screening of the RPSL credentials in accordance with the provision of the DGS order.
- Live online verification systems allowing seafarers to check Valid, Invalid, or Temporarily Blocked RPSL companies in real time.
- Linking of eMigrate ARN with passport, ensuring no seafarer can travel abroad without engaging a valid RPSL company.
- Seafarers can directly report to the DG Shipping through profile if the company have placed them on different vessel.
- Mandatory Form-1 issuance, preventing fake recruitment offers.
- Strengthened audit mechanisms, including inspection, suspension, or cancellation of RPSL licences for violations.
- Enhanced grievance-redressal platforms, including 24×7 helplines, email reporting, and coordination with Embassies and State authorities for quick action.
- Awareness advisories issued to seafarers, MTIs, unions, and shipping companies to prevent fraud and unethical practices.
- Meetings with the MEA and Embassies for faster and quick coordination under chair of the Special Secretary.
- Conducting online awareness for RPSL companies and seafarers regarding abandonment.
- Developed and added new course guidelines for awareness among the seafarers.
- Few more strict guidelines are under draft stage such as;
    - Enhancement of the bank guarantee.
    - Revision of the RPSL Rules
    - Blacklisting of the vessels and flags.
    - Creating online / offline seafarers' awareness.

These measures collectively enhance transparency, protect seafarers from fraudulent recruitment, and ensure accountability of RPS agencies.

(f) whether the Government maintained a database and early-warning mechanism for seafarer welfare and safety, if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: At present, there is no dedicated early-warning system available for predicting seafarer abandonment. The Government primarily depends on direct reporting by seafarers or their families or international welfare Organisations for seafarers. In many cases, seafarers first reach out to international bodies such as ITF, ISWAN, Port State Control authorities, or the vessel's Flag State. Once any such report is received at the Directorate General of Shipping, the case is immediately tracked, monitored, and followed up for speedy resolution.

Social-media advisories and awareness messages are regularly issued by DGS to help seafarers identify early warning signs and symptoms of potential abandonment.

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Separately, the Directorate operates digital systems such as SID, e-Migrate, DGS Database, RPSL Monitoring System, and linkages with the IMO/ILO Abandonment Portal—which help track Indian seafarers, their employers, and welfare-related concerns. Based on these inputs, DGS promptly coordinates with Indian Embassies, Flag States, P&I Clubs, and RPSL companies to ensure timely intervention and assistance.

(g) the benefits and legislative improvements expected from the recently passed Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 for abandoned seafarers?

Reply: (i) Legislative improvement in relation to abandoned seafarers:

The following legislative improvements have been carried out under the new Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

The definition of 'abandoned seafarer' has been introduced in Section 3(1) of MS Act, 2025.

Section 62(6) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 **("MS Act, 2025")** is a new sub-section which imposes obligations on licensed recruitment and placement service agencies. Section 62(6)(a) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner has financial ability for repatriation of abandoned seafarers and Section 62(6)(b) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner repatriates abandoned seafarers, along with their maintenance and required medical assistance before such repatriation. If any recruitment and placement service agency contravenes clause (a) or clause (b) of Section 62(6), penalty which may extend to fifteen lakh rupees, may be imposed under Section 281(2) of the MS Act, 2025.

Section 92 is a new section introduced in the MS Act, 2025 which requires arrangement of replacement crew to be sent on board abandoned vessels, from which seafarers have to be repatriated. This section was introduced due to the practical issue of inability to repatriate seafarers on abandoned vessels till a replacement crew is sent. This section seeks to provide that in case of abandoned Indian vessels and foreign vessel abandoned within India's coastal waters, if the shipowner fails to make arrangement for or to meet the cost of arranging for replacement crew to be sent onboard the vessel whose seafarers are to be repatriated, the Central Government shall arrange for a replacement crew to be sent onboard. The costs incurred by the Central Government for arranging such replacement crew shall constitute a debt owed to the Central Government by the vessel's owner or agent. Further, it clarifies that the shipowner shall not be entitled to recover such cost from the seafarer. In any proceeding in Part V of MS act, 2025 a certificate issued by the Central Government or an authorised officer confirming abandonment will serve as conclusive evidence of a seafarer's status as an abandoned seafarer under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

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Further, measures to be taken for welfare of distressed or abandoned seafarers has been included as one of the matters [Section 5(1)(e)] on which the Seafarer's Welfare Board can advise the Central Government.

(ii) **Expected benefits of legislative reforms/improvement**:

The above legislative reforms are expected to remove any ambiguity in the definition of 'abandoned seafarers', clarify the obligations of recruitment and placement agencies financial obligations of ship-owners, action to be taken on failure of shipowner to repatriate the seafarers, replacement of crew and recovery of expenses for such replacement of crew. The overall impact is expected to be in the form of larger discouragement of practice of abandonment of seafarers and protections of rights of seafarers while on board vessels.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1273 on "Domestic Production of Shipbuilding Components" to be replied on 10.02.2026 -reg.

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F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD–DGS(C.No.32799) Date: 06.02.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1273 on "Domestic Production of Shipbuilding Components" to be replied on 10.02.2026-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether Government has assessed the extent of India's dependence on imported marine-grade steels, propulsion systems and shipbuilding components for domestic ship construction;

(b) if so, the quantify and value of such imports in the last five years, year-wise; and

Reply: (a) & (b) – No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) the details of Union Government's initiatives for the domestic production of these components, including description of the initiatives taken, funds allocated and disbursed year-wise over the last five years and State-wise where applicable and targets achieved?

Reply: Under the frameworks of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, a multi-phased restructuring of the domestic shipbuilding ecosystem is currently underway to modernize the sector. The transition is backed by a ₹69,725 crore Cabinet-approved package intended to scale up the indigenous component manufacturing and enhance global competitiveness. The revitalization and extension of the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme through 2036, backed by a ₹24,736 crore corpus, serves as a major catalyst for local manufacturing. By mandating a minimum of 30% domestic content to qualify for benefits, the scheme effectively incentivizes shipyards to prioritize indigenous components. To date, approved ship building projects have already secured approximately ₹523 crore as financial assistance under this framework in last five years. The funds disbursed to different entities - State wise and year-wise over the last five years is placed at **Annexure-I.**

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The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) focuses on creating specialized industrial clusters with shared infrastructure. By co-locating ancillary units, the scheme aims to attract major component manufacturers, thereby reducing logistics expenses and fostering a robust domestic supply chain.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Encl.: Annexure-I

Annexure - I

FY 2020-2021	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 30,37,09,387
Gujarat	₹ 9,86,42,223
West Bengal	₹ 9,74,82,000

FY 2021-2022	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 32,48,51,781
Gujarat	₹ 1,33,47,261
Kerala	₹ 30,80,53,563

FY 2022-2023	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 15,89,00,055
Gujarat	₹ 2,96,60,580
Kerala	₹ 37,52,13,616
West Bengal	₹ 1,66,25,036

FY 2023-2024	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 51,65,07,089
Gujarat	₹ 5,27,29,219
Kerala	₹ 10,49,81,250
West Bengal	₹ 15,60,63,785
Karnataka	₹ 6,90,61,140

FY 2024-2025	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 1,07,08,33,023
Gujarat	₹ 2,23,81,560
Kerala	₹ 4,04,02,977
West Bengal	₹ 2,79,32,503
Karnataka	₹ 20,03,81,140
Maharashtra	₹ 1,05,64,596

FY 2025-2026 (till 3rd Qtr.)	
State	Amount disbursed
Goa	₹ 75,44,99,420
Gujarat	₹ 2,99,94,300
Kerala	₹ 3,42,21,498
West Bengal	₹ 3,84,24,995
Karnataka	₹ 32,12,76,054
Andhra Pradesh	₹ 5,29,16,892

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Re: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1272 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Share of Indian-flagged ships in global tonnage and support measures for shipbuilding industry".

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F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.29901) Date: 05.02.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1272 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Share of Indian-flagged ships in global tonnage and support measures for shipbuilding industry".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian-flagged ships account for less than 1 per cent of the global shipping tonnage;

Reply: India's share of the global shipping tonnage is currently estimated at approximately 1.7%.

(b) how over dependence on foreign shipping lines affects India's shipbuilding industry; and

Reply: Over-dependence on foreign shipping lines reduces demand for Indian-built vessels, resulting in limited order visibility for domestic shipyards. This constrains capacity expansion, technology upgradation, and growth of ancillary industries, thereby adversely affecting the competitiveness and long-term development of India's shipbuilding ecosystem.

(c) the measures other than granting infrastructure status could held India's shipbuilding industry in procuring easy loans?

Reply: The Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 outlines several specific monetary and structural measures to ease the financial burden and improve loan procurement for the shipbuilding industry. Additionally, beyond granting Infrastructure Status, the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme with introduction of Ship breaking credit notes and Maritime development fund with a corpus of Rs.25,000 crore to provide long-term financing for the sector.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohaikade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Coord.)

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Re: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Ques No. 1277 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Policy changes to expand indigenous fleet"

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (C.No.29901) dated 05.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

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Subject: Re: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Ques No. 1277 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Policy changes to expand indigenous fleet"
========== Forwarded message ==========

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to admitted RS Unstarred Ques No. 1277 for 10.02.2026 on the subject mentioned above and to request **inputs of MA Section, DG Shipping and SBR Section on concerned questions** for drafting reply, **latest by 05.02.2026**.

Regards,

Raman Chamber
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F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.29901) Date: 05.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Rajya Sabha unstarred question No. 1277 for 10.02.2026 regarding "Policy changes to Expand indigenous fleet".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 04.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether more than 85 per cent of India's trade is dependent on foreign shipping;

Reply: Yes, a significant portion of India's trade is dependent on foreign shipping.

(b) if so, the policy changes being made to reduce this dependence and expand the indigenous fleet for economic and energy security;

Reply: The Government of India has initiated several policy and budgetary policies and reforms to reduce this dependence, strengthen energy security and expand the indigenous fleet. The initiatives undertaken with induction of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 are aiming to modernize legal frameworks, ease of doing business, and encourage Indian flagging of ships. To reduce dependence on foreign shipping and expand the indigenous fleet for economic and energy security, the Government has undertaken multiple initiatives. Indian-flagged vessels are promoted through Right of First Refusal (RoFR), regulatory reforms in ship registration, and measures under the Maritime India Vision 2030 to strengthen ship ownership, operations and financing.

Further, the Union Budget proposes setting up a Maritime Development Fund (MDF) with an initial corpus of ₹25,000 crore, with 49% Government contribution, to provide equity and debt support for ship acquisition. The MDF aims to increase the share of Indian-flagged vessels in global cargo, reduce dependence on foreign ships and provides long-term, low-cost financing for shipbuilding and infrastructure.

The Shipping vessels have been classified as infrastructure assets to facilitate easier financing. The Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) & Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme

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(SBFAS) are available for shipyards to boost domestic shipbuilding by providing 15% to 25% financial assistance per vessel.

(c) the financial incentives and tax reforms adopted to attract private investment in domestic shipbuilding and financing under the 'Maritime India Vision'; and

Reply: Under the Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) has been extended up to year 2036 with a total outlay of ₹24,736 crore. This will ensure direct financial assistance of 15% to 25% on contract values of vessels manufactured in Indian shipyards. To encourage fleet renewal, the government has introduced a ₹4,001 crore Ship breaking credit note scheme under which ship owners who scrap vessels at Indian yards receive a credit note worth 40% of the scrap value. In addition, targeted allocations have been made for shipbuilding capability development, design, research and innovation to strengthen domestic shipbuilding, generate employment, and support long-term growth of the indigenous maritime sector.

(d) the steps being taken to enhance maritime awareness and safety of Indian ships at chokepoints?

Reply: The following are the steps being taken to enhance maritime awareness and safety of Indian ships at maritime chokepoints;

1. 24×7 Maritime Domain Awareness and Incident Monitoring:

The Mercantile Marine Domain Awareness Centre (MMDAC) and the DG COMM Centre operate round-the-clock to monitor maritime security incidents, receive intelligence inputs, and coordinate response actions. Upon receipt of information relating to attacks, piracy, or threats to Indian-flagged vessels or foreign-flagged vessels carrying Indian seafarers, the Directorate promptly notifies the relevant maritime security agencies and stakeholders. Real-time crew and vessel details are shared with the Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) of the Indian Navy to enable coordinated and timely security responses. The Directorate also engages with the Indian Navy, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and other national and international agencies to ensure timely responses to maritime threats.

2. Focused Surveillance of High-Risk Chokepoints

Enhanced surveillance and continuous threat assessment are undertaken in critical maritime chokepoints and high-risk regions, including the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Gulf of Guinea, Straits of Malacca and Singapore, Western Arabian Sea, and the wider Indian Ocean Region. In coordination with the Indian Navy, IFC-IOR, and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), emerging threats such as those arising from Houthi-linked attacks and the resurgence of Somali piracy are regularly reviewed.

3. Issuance of Maritime Security Advisories:

Based on evolving threat perceptions, the Directorate issues periodic Maritime Security Advisories to Indian-flagged vessels. These advisories provide real-time security updates, recommend risk

mitigation measures, and emphasize compliance with Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Directorate and internationally accepted Best Management Practices (BMPs) while transiting maritime chokepoints.

4. Stakeholder Coordination and Preparedness Measures:

Regular high-level meetings are convened with Indian shipowners, shipmasters, port authorities, the Indian Navy, the Coast Guard, and other security agencies to strengthen preparedness and response mechanisms. Industry stakeholders such as BIMCO, INTERTANKO, OCIMF, and INTERCARGO participate in discussions addressing evolving security threats at chokepoints, operational challenges, and economic implications, including increased insurance premiums, higher operational costs, and the deployment of armed security personnel.

5. Mandatory Compliance with Security Protocols:

Indian-flagged vessels are directed to strictly comply with mandated SOPs and BMPs, including adherence to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) guidelines on the carriage of armed guards. Where safety considerations so warrant, vessels are advised to avoid high-risk chokepoints and reroute via safer alternatives such as the Cape of Good Hope, despite operational and economic implications.

6. Strengthened Reporting and Cybersecurity Measures:

To further enhance maritime security, DGS Circular No. 08 of 2024 dated 10 April 2024 has been issued, prescribing revised reporting procedures and enhanced security protocols. The circular mandates immediate reporting of all maritime security incidents to DGS and IFC-IOR and strengthens coordination with the Indian Navy for rapid intervention. It also underscores the adoption of robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard vessel navigation and communication systems from digital threats.

It may be noted that further information on the same may be kindly requested from the Indian Navy and the Ministry of Defence.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Sudhir S. Kohakade, IRS)
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coord.)

Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S4011 to be answer on 10.02.2026 regarding "Logistics and Marine Infrastructure"- reg

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(C.No.35417) dated 06.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3)(C.No.35417) Date: 06.02.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary, to the Govt. of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S4011 to be answer on 10.02.2026 regarding "Logistics and Marine Infrastructure" – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways's OM No.H-11017/4/2026-SM dated 29.01.2026 alongwith its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the steps taken recently to accelerate port-based development under the PM Gati Shakti and Sagarmala programs;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) the details of new policy initiatives related to inland waterways and green shipping; and

Reply: Details of new policy initiatives related to green shipping are as under:

The Ministry has initiated work on a National Green Shipping Policy (NGSP) as a guiding framework for the phased and orderly decarbonisation of the maritime sector, covering energy-efficient ships, adoption of alternative fuels, and development of green port infrastructure. The policy is presently under consultation process.

(c) the improvements achieved so far in logistics costs and cargo handling capacity as a result of these efforts?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

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Parliament Question-Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2417 for 13.02.2026 regarding 'International Maritime Organisation Council'.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 09.02.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,

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F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.8334) Date: 09.02.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Parliament Question-Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2417 for 13.02.2026 regarding 'International Maritime Organisation Council'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 09.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) whether it is true that India has been re-elected to the International Maritime Organisation Council;

Reply: Yes, India was re-elected to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council for the 2026-27 biennium in Category B, securing 154 out of 169 votes (highest in the category) during the elections held on 28 November 2025 at the 34th Session of the IMO Assembly. Category B represents countries with the largest interest in international seaborne trade.

b) if so, the details of the advantages of being elected to the above forum and the extent to which this position is likely to be helpful to India's global maritime sector; and

Reply: India has been a longstanding member of the IMO Council under Category B since its inception. IMO develops international regulations for maritime safety and environmental protection, formulates international treaties and conventions like SOLAS and MARPOL, monitors compliance and implementation of conventions and provides technical assistance and training to developing countries. Being a member of the IMO Council ensures that India's stance is clearly heard when international conventions regarding safety, sustainability and other pertinent issues are heard.

c) the details of plans that the Government chalked out to invest US$ 1 trillion in the coming years?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2409 on "Development of Minor Ports in Tamil Nadu" for 13.02.2026.

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सादर/ Best Regards,

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[**Kind Attn.**: - Shri. Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2409 on "Development of Minor Ports in Tamil Nadu" for 13.02.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways e-mail dated 09.02.2026 on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop Tranquebar and Sirkali as minor ports so as to invigorate the regional coastal economy?

(b) whether the Government has any plans to develop training centres or institutes to create a pool of talented experts in Mayiladuthurai Parliamentary Constituency's coastal regions in ship building and ship breaking trades, given the fact that the region w as part of the Great Chola's naval exploits? and

(c) the details of funds allocated, since 2020, for undertaking studies to create minor ports along the country's coastiline?

Reply: (a) to (c) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asst. Director General of Shipping

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Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. U3734, S5458 on "Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy" to be replied on 10.03.2026

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) dated 02.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

2 Attachment(s)

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799)

Date: 02.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[E-mail: sosbrcsl-psw@gov.in]

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.U3734, S5458 on "Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy" to be replied on 10.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 23.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(i) **Progress achieved under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy, including provision of credit guarantees and Viability Gap Funding (VGF) to Indian shipyards;**

Reply: Under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP), total financial assistance amounting to INR 620.57 crore has been disbursed for the construction and delivery of 204 vessels, as on date.

The shipyard-wise details of vessels financed under SBFAP is detailed below

Name of the shipyard	Number of ships financed under SBFAP
AH Wadia Boat Builders	1
AC Roy & Company	4

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AC Roy Shipbuilders Pvt. Ltd.	26
Atreya Shipyard Private Limited	6
Chowgule & Company Private Limited	19
Cochin Shipyard Limited	22
Dempo Shipbuilding and Engineering Private Limited	1
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited	1
Goa Shipyard Limited	4
Mandovi Drydocks	46
Praka Engineering Shipyard	4
San Marine	3
Sembmarine Kakinada Limited	2
Shirodkar Shipyard	2
Shoft Shipyard Private Limited	27
Sunrich Ship Management Private Limited	1
Synergy Shipbuilders	3
Titagarh Wagons Limited	2
Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited	8
Victoria Shipbuilding and Engineering LLP	1
Vijai Marine Services	15
Waterways Shipyard Private Limited	3
Zuari Shipyard Private Limited	3

Provision for credit guarantee and viability gap funding are not covered in SBFAP.

(ii) **Number of contracts awarded under the Policy;**

Reply: A total of 288 contracts, covering 456 vessels, have received in-principle approval under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance policy (SBFAP) as on date.

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(iii) **total order book value generated and types of vessels covered thereunder;**

Reply: The cumulative contract price of all vessels that have received in-principle approval under SBFAP amounts to INR 19,748 crore, as on date. Vessels like Tugs, General cargo vessel, Bulk carrier, Oil Tanker, crane pontoon, heavy deck cargo vessel, RO-RO pax vessel, crew boat, deck loading craft, coastal research vessel, modular pontoon, passenger catamaran, passenger cum motor cycle ferry, passenger ferry, landing craft, Auto barge self propelled, jack-up barge and self elevating platform have been delivered and subsequently received financial assistance under the current SBFAP.

(iv) **financial assistance disbursed so far, including number of shipyards that have availed benefits under the Policy;**

Reply: As on today, INR 620.57 crore has been disbursed to 23 shipyards under the Policy.

(v) **whether Ministry has undertaken any assessment of the Policy's impact on revival of domestic shipbuilding, employment generation, and enhancement of India's global competitiveness in maritime sector;**

(vi) **if so details of the finding thereof?**

Reply: v & vi

Under Outcome Oriented Monitoring Framework (OOMF) of NITI Aayog, quarterly report on data regarding employment generation and amount of business generated is being submitted to MoPSW regularly. **The copy of quarterly report for the quarter3 (Oct-Dec,2025) is attached herewith for your ready reference.**

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

02/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Q3 data for OOMF

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Fri, 10 Jan 2025 12:24:54 PM +0530

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Sir,

OOMF metrics achievement for Q3 is enlisted:

S.No.	OOMF Metrics	Q3 (Achievement)
1	Number of vessels financed	04
2	Funds disbursed	29.90 cr
3	Amount of business generated	170.29 cr
4	Employment generated	6,81,684 mandays
5	Gross Tonnage	14286 T

Warm Regards,
Ankur Anal
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Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:28:06 AM
Subject: Q3 data for OOMF

Sir,

PFA data till Q2 of 2024-25. Requested to provide data for Q3 to be filled in OOMF Portal

Rgrds

Request for Transfer of provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 8479 regarding "Emission from Ships/Shipwrecks" for 9.03.2026

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Thu, 05 Mar 2026 12:20:12 PM +0530

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS(C.No.8334) Date: 05.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy.No.8479 regarding "Emission from Ships/Shipwrecks" for 09.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 03.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) details of major ports presently providing On-Shore Power Supply (OPS) facilities, along with quantum of electricity supplied during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and port-wise;

(b) whether the Government maintains data on emissions from berthed ships, shipwrecks and abandoned vessels in ports and coastal areas, if so, the details thereof including estimated environmental and economic costs;

(c) the measures undertaken to mitigate such pollution including funds allocated, released and utilised during the last five years and the current year;

Reply: (a) to (c) - Reply: No information is available with this Directorate. The data can be obtained from the Ports Wing of the MoPSW.

(d) whether initiatives have been taken to monitor and prevent marine pollution arising from tanker accidents illegal bilge discharge and tarball deposition; and

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(e) the details of schemes, regulatory mechanisms, inter-agency coordination frameworks and enforcement action undertaken in this regard?

Reply: (d) to (e) - The Government has formulated Merchant Shipping Rules for prevention of pollution of the sea from all the waste categories of pollutants under its National Merchant Shipping Act, as per international MARPOL convention. The ships are designed and equipped with pollution prevention equipments like Sewage treatment plants, oily water separators, incinerators, compactors, comminutors and holding tanks to prevent pollution from these pollutants. Over and above, these equipments are examined at regular intervals during surveys carried out on board Indian flagged vessels. Also, Safety management audits of ships are carried out on-board and ashore which consider environment protection as a main part of this audit. Strict implementation and enforcement is done by the Government on the Indian flagged vessels with reference to the MARPOL convention. The oil/chemical spill due to a vessel casualty is monitored by Casualty Branch of Directorate General of Shipping and the response is catered by Indian Coastguard (ICG) as per the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP). India also inspects foreign-flagged vessels calling at its ports. If a vessel is found to be in violation of MARPOL, Indian authorities are empowered to detain the ship and impose penalties.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

05/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Provisionally dmitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S5854 on "Demand for ship repair ecosystem in Konkan" to be replied on 10.03.2026 -reg.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS- Part (3) (C.No.35417) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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Dear Sir / Ma'am,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part(3) (C.No.35417) Date: 05.03.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary]

Sub: Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. S5854 on "Demand for ship repair ecosystem in Konkan" to be replied on 10.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 26.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has examined the demand for establishing a ship repair ecosystem along the Konkan coast of Maharashtra, particularly in the Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg districts;

(b) whether any feasibility study has been conducted near major port infrastructures, including the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority; and

Reply: (a) & (b) - No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) whether this proposal could be integrated into the Sagarmala program to promote dry docks, marine workshops and ancillary industries?

Reply: Sagarmala is a flagship Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to promote port-led development in the country. Under Sagarmala Scheme, Ministry provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs including Coastal States for projects align with Sagarmala Programme. As per revised Sagarmala Funding Guidelines 2023, projects for ship repair and ship recycling are eligible for financial assistance under Sagarmala scheme.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-20011/2/2026-COORD-DGS (C.No.39266) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

1 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ RS Dy.No. 1809 as ...
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-20011/2/2026-COORD-DGS(C.No.39266) Date: 05.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary]

Sub: Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026 received through WhatsApp. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) number of harbours in the country where coal is being imported and the volume of coal handled at each harbor, State-wise details;

(b) measures taken by Government to ensure safe and efficient transportation of imported coal from harbours to inland-destinations State-wise details;

(c) initiatives undertaken to minimize-pollution and environmental impact during coal-transportation and handling at harbours;

(d) number and nature of complaints received from residents or authorities regarding coal import, handling or transportation in harbour areas, State-wise and the details of actions taken to resolve them; and

(e) safety-measures implemented to protect residents living in the around harbour areas where coal is imported?

Reply: (a) & (e) - No information is available with this Directorate. The data can be obtained from Ports Wing of the MoPSW.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. U4146 on "Implementation of Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy in Goa" to be replied on 10.03.2026- reg

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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2 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ RS Dy.No. U4146 as... 576.5 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) Date: 05.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. U4146 on "Implementation of Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy in Goa" to be replied on 10.03.2026

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 24.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the year-wise financial-assistance disbursed under the Shipbuilding-Financial-Assistance (SFA) Policy since its inception and the total number of shipyards that have availed benefits thereunder?

Reply:

Financial year	Amount disbursed (in cr.)
FY 2018-19	29
FY 2019-20	27
FY 2020-21	49.98
FY 2021-22	64.63
FY 2022-23	58.04

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FY 2022-23	**58.04**
FY 2023-24	**89.93**
FY 2024-25	**137.28**
FY 2025-26 (Till 02.03.2026)	**159.84**

And total number of shipyards that have availed benefits thereunder are 23 shipyards till date.

(b) whether any shipyards in goa have been registered under or benefited from the Policy and, if so, the details of assistance received, types of vessels constructed and order book value generated?

(c) the present status of shipbuilding activity in Goa and the outcomes achieved under the Policy in terms of employment generation and capacity addition?

Reply: **(b & c)** The 16 shipyards from Goa have received in-principal approval for the construction and delivery of 205 vessels.

The cumulative contract price of all vessels that have received *in-principle approval* under SBFAP amounts to INR 5,428 crore, as on date.

As per data available on the SBFAP portal, employment of close to 50,00,000 man-days has been generated.

Vessels like Tugs, General cargo vessel, Bulk carrier, Oil Tanker, crane pontoon, RO-RO pax vessel, crew boat, deck loading craft, landing craft have been delivered and subsequently received financial assistance under the current SBFAP.

(d) whether any assessment has been undertaken on the impact of the SFA Policy on revival of shipbuilding and repair activities in coastal-States, including Goa?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

05/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No.2521 regarding "Development of Alang Shipyard" to be replied on 10.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.32799) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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1 Attachment(s)

Reply on PQ No.2521 for 10.3....
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No. 31839) Date: 05.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Ashish Kumar Singh, SBR&CSL Section, MoPSW, New Delhi]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No.2521 regarding "Development of Alang Shipyard" to be replied on 10.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 02.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(i) Whether the question relates to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India;

(ii) Whether it asks for information on a matter which is under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India;

(iii) Whether if seeks information about matter which are in their nature secret; and

(iv) Any factor that has bearing on the admissibility of questions(s) in terms of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Council of States;

Reply: (i) to (iv) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

5/3/2026
(N.R. Raut)
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Parliament Qns: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question No. S4386 to be replied on 10.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2026-COORD-DGS (C.No.39257) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

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F. No.12-22011/1/2026-COORD-DGS (C.No.39257) Date: 05.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. S4386 on "whether the Government has any study to determine the impact of natural disasters on ports in the country, especially in Maharashtra" to be replied on 10.03.2026

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 25.02.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) **whether Government has undertaken any study to determine the impact of natural disasters on ports in the country, especially in Maharashtra, if so, details thereof**

Reply: The study to determine the impact of natural disasters on ports in the country does not pertain to the Directorate General of Shipping and is undertaken by the concerned Port Authorities, State Maritime Boards, and other competent agencies under the administrative control of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the respective State Governments.

b) **The economic impact and loss occurred due to damage of the ports in the country over the last three years; and**

Reply: The economic impact and loss occurred due to damage of the ports in the country does not pertain to the Directorate General of Shipping and fall within the jurisdiction of the concerned Port Authorities, State Maritime Boards, and other competent agencies under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the respective State Governments.

c) **whether Government has formulated any plans for disaster management and resilience for ports in the country especially in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?**

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), a subordinate office of the MoPSW, is responsible for matters relating to maritime safety, including safety of life and ships at sea and prevention of marine pollution, and implements contingency frameworks for maritime incidents. In this regard, the Directorate has issued a ***"Disaster Management Plan (DMP) and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Casualty and Cyclone"*** (June 2022) to guide preparedness and response mechanisms for marine disasters, which is attached herewith for reference.

The preparation and implementation of disaster management and resilience plans for ports fall within the jurisdiction of the concerned Port Authorities, State Maritime Boards function under the administrative control of their respective State Governments and other competent authorities under MoPSW, in coordination with concerned agencies such as the Indian Coast Guard, which coordinates maritime search and rescue (SAR) operations and the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS-DCP).

Further, the NDMA, established under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, is mandated to draw up plans and guidelines for disaster management in the country and to support India's initiatives in assisting foreign countries in the aftermath of natural disasters.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

5/3/2026

(N.R. Raut)
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Encl.: As above.

Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-20011/2/2026-COORD-DGS (C.No.39266) dated 05.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary]

Sub: Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Rajya Sabha admitted Question No.1809 on "Imported coal handling in harbor areas" for reply on 09.03.2026 received through WhatsApp. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) number of harbours in the country where coal is being imported and the volume of coal handled at each harbor, State-wise details;

(b) measures taken by Government to ensure safe and efficient transportation of imported coal from harbours to inland-destinations State-wise details;

(c) initiatives undertaken to minimize-pollution and environmental impact during coal-transportation and handling at harbours;

(d) number and nature of complaints received from residents or authorities regarding coal import, handling or transportation in harbour areas, State-wise and the details of actions taken to resolve them; and

(e) safety-measures implemented to protect residents living in the around harbour areas where coal is imported?

Reply: (a) to (e) - No information is available with this Directorate. The data can be obtained from Ports Wing of the MoPSW.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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Parliament Question: Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3519 on "Shipbuilding Clusters in Tamil Nadu" to be replied on 13.03.2026 -reg.

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2 Attachment(s)

Reply on PQ No.3519 for 13.3.... 598.6 KB

PQ No. 3519 answer on 13.03.... 16.4 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 10.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. 3519 on "Shipbuilding Clusters in Tamil Nadu" to be replied on 13.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 09.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) **whether the Government is aware that Tamil Nadu has been identified as a major hub under the proposed mega shipbuilding and ship repair clusters being developed as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, if so, the details thereof;**

Reply: Tamil Nadu has been identified as a major hub under the proposed Mega Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Cluster initiative. In this regard, NSHIP TN has been constituted as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), jointly promoted by VOC Port Authority and SIPCOT, Government of Tamil Nadu, for the establishment of a Greenfield Shipbuilding Cluster at Thoothukudi.

(b) **whether the Government has examined the potential economic, employment and ancillary industry benefits of these shipbuilding initiatives for neighbouring coastal districts such as Ramanathapuram district of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;**

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

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(c) **whether any plans exist to extend port-led infrastructure, skilling programmes, MSME participation and supply-chain linkages to the said district in connection with the proposed shipbuilding clusters, if so, the details thereof;**

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) **whether coastal communities, traditional fishermen and youth in the said district are proposed to be integrated through targeted training and livelihood opportunities, if so, the details thereof; and**

(e) **whether the Government proposes district-specific interventions to ensure balanced regional development along the southern Tamil Nadu coastline, if so, the details thereof?**

Reply: (d & e) - No information is available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Re: Parliament Question: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3528 on "Shipbuilding Companies in Maharashtra" to be replied on 13.03.2026.

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PQ No. 3528 answer on 13.03.... 19.1 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question No.3528 on "Shipbuilding Companies in Maharashtra" replied on 13.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 09.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether shipbuilding and ship-repair companies are eligible to avail multiple Central incentives simultaneously, including the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy and Ship Repair Cluster Development in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: (1) This Directorate administered the following schemes/policies:

(i) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP)

(ii) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS)

(iii) Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SBDS)

(2) As per Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP), the shipyard applying for financial assistance under the policy for a vessel should not have availed any monetary support under any other policy or scheme of the Central or State Government for the said vessel. Such support shall not include:

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(i) any exemptions of domestic taxes or import duties applicable on procurement of raw materials, components or capital goods, as the case may be;

(ii) any fiscal or monetary benefits arising from the location of shipyard;

(iii) any fiscal or monetary benefits arising from grant of infrastructure status to the Shipyard;

(3) However, for Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy and Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SBDS) – greenfield shipbuilding cluster and brownfield shipyard expansion guidelines allows the yards to claim additional benefits from other Central and State Government schemes, over and above the benefits under this scheme.

(b) whether uniform eligibility and prioritisation guidelines are put in plan to avail the said incentives, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: This Directorate administered the following schemes/policies:

(i) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP)

(ii) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS)

(iii) Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SBDS)

Each of these schemes is implemented in accordance with notified guidelines which prescribe eligibility criteria, application procedures and monitoring mechanisms.

(c) the number of shipyards that have availed more than one incentive and the quantum of assistance received in the said State during the last three years;

Reply: The information relating to the quantum of assistance received in the state of Maharashtra during the last three years is not available with this Directorate.

(d) whether benefits are disproportionately cornered by a few large players, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: The SBFA policy is open to all Indian shipyards. Assistance is linked to the shipbuilding orders secured and executed by shipyards in accordance with the scheme guidelines.

(e) whether any independent assessment has been conducted to measure actual improvements in shipbuilding capacity, exports and employment in coastal districts such as Mumbai, Raigad and Ratnagiri in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Separate district-wise independent assessment specifically for Mumbai, Raigad and Ratnagiri in Maharashtra is not available with the Directorate.

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(f) the total number of companies that have received multiple incentives and cases of overlap or duplication identified across the country, State-wise including Maharashtra; and

Reply: State-wise consolidated data regarding companies receiving assistance under multiple schemes is not available with the Directorate

(g) the steps taken to ensure transparency, prevent misuse, reduce procedural delays and ensure fair competition and meaningful participation of small and medium shipyards in Maharashtra?

Reply: The Government has taken several steps to ensure transparency and wider participation of shipyards, including:

(i) notification of detailed scheme guidelines and eligibility criteria;

(ii) scrutiny and verification of applications before sanction and release of assistance;

(iii) periodic monitoring and review of scheme implementation; and

(iv) stakeholder consultations with industry to facilitate participation of shipyards, including small and medium shipyards.

(v) Applications under SBFAP, SBFAS and SBDS is done in online portal. Specific timelines as per the guidelines are set in the portal to ensure timely processing of requests from shipyards.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

16/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question - Rajya Sabha Provisionaly Admitted Question Diary No S6369 to be answered on 17.03.2026 reg. Vessel Sharing Agreements competition law exemption and cartelization concerns mitigation.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 10.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

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Date: 10.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. S6369 regarding "Vessel Sharing Agreements competition law exemption and cartelization concerns mitigation" to be replied on 17.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(A) Is it true that the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways has sought exemption of Vessel Sharing Agreements (VSA) from the purview of competition law under Section 3 of the Competition Act?

Reply: Yes, the earlier exemption expired on 03rd July, 2021 and a proposal for seeking further extension was forwarded to Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for onward submission to Ministry of Corporate Affairs subject to providing 5% space to Indian ships under the VSA.

(B) If Yes, does such an exemption carry the possibility of cartelization within the industry?

(C) What steps can the Ministry propose to allay fears of cartelization if such an exemption is awarded?

Reply: (B & C) : The exemption proposed is subject to providing 5 % space to Indian Flag vessels which may allow fair competition and avoid cartelization by foreign companies.
Further, for any complaint on unfair practices under the Competition Act, a scrutiny can be initiated.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary, (MA Section) MoPSW, New Delhi]

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REMINDER: MOST URGENT: PARLIAMENT MATTER: ADMITTED RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2580 (Diary No. 5715) for answer dated 16.03.2026 - reg.

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Subject: Admitted Question Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2580 to be replied on 16.03.2026 regarding Ministry Department – Civil Aviation "Status of Proposed Seaplane Services in Goa".

Sir

Kind reference is invited to ministry's email dated 10.03.2026 forwarding therewith a Rajya Sabha Admitted Question Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2580 to be replied on 16.03.2026 answer Ministry Department – Civil Aviation "Status of Proposed Seaplane Services in Goa".

(a) Whether technical, hydrographic and economic feasibility surveys, including Environmental Impact Assessments and Detailed Project Reports, have been conducted for proposed seaplane operations in Goa, and if so, the key findings thereof;

(b) Whether any budgetary allocations or financial assistance have been provided or proposed for seaplane projects or services in Goa, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) The present status of the proposed seaplane project in Goa, including regulatory approvals obtained, consultations held with local stakeholders, and the readiness of identified water aerodrome sites.

Reply : (a) to (c) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority

Yours faithfully,

Sandeep Awasthi)
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No. U5594 for Answer on 17/03/2026 regarding Incidents affecting Indian crew on foreign and Indian ships.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 11.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 11.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Starred / Unstarred Diary No.: U5594 for Answer on 17.03.2026 regarding Incidents affecting Indian crew on foreign and Indian ships.

Sir

Kind reference is invited to Ministry's email dated 06.03.2026 forwarding therewith a Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Starred / Unstarred Diary No.: U5594 for Answer on 17.03.2026 regarding Incidents affecting Indian crew on foreign and Indian ships.

(a) Is the Ministry aware of the missing incident of Cadet Sarthak Mohapatra from a Singapore – registered Ship;

Reply: Yes.

(b) How many similar such incidents of missing Indian crew have been reported in the last ten years from Indian and foreign ships;

Reply:

Year	Indian ships	Foreign ships
2017	02	05
2018	03	08
2019	--	11
2020	--	12
2021	03	10

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2022	03	13
2023	01	17
2024	03	21
2025	03	14
2026	--	02 (Till 09.03.2026)

(c) What are the steps that the Ministry has taken to locate the missing Cadet Sarthak Mohapatra;

Reply: An intensive Search and Rescue (SAR) operation to locate Mr. Sarthak Mohapatra was carried out for a substantial period of 96 hours. The search operations were coordinated by the Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), Mauritius, with active participation from the vessel Shandong Civilization, the concerned vessel, and several other vessels deployed by MRCC in the search area. In addition, aerial surveillance was also undertaken as part of the SAR operation.

MRCC Mauritius had further requested all vessels transiting through the area to maintain a sharp visual lookout. The search efforts were extensive and rigorous, involving continuous coordination among vessels, regular communication with MRCC, and vigilant visual watchkeeping by the ship's crew.

On 07 February 2026, as per the instructions issued by MRCC Mauritius, the SAR operation was concluded at 1350 hours (LT), following which the vessel EA Jersey, being the last vessel engaged in the search operation, was released.

(d) Why despite efforts Cadet Sarthak Mohapatra has not been found and by when is the Ministry hopeful of locating him;

Reply: Whenever a person is reported missing at sea, immediate Search and Rescue (SAR) operations are initiated in coordination with the vessel, the concerned maritime authorities, and the Coast Guard / Rescue Coordination Centres in accordance with established international maritime protocols.

However, locating a missing person in the open sea is inherently challenging due to factors such as the vast search area, sea currents, weather conditions, limited visibility, and the time elapsed since the incident. Despite the search efforts undertaken by the concerned authorities and the vessel, the cadet has not yet been traced. Search operations are conducted for a specified duration in accordance with standard Search and Rescue (SAR) guidelines.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. U5607 on "Shipbuilding Development Scheme and Maharashtra shipyard" to be replied on 17.03.2026 -reg.

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. U5607 on "Shipbuilding Development Scheme and Maharashtra Shipyard" to be replied on 17.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the objectives and key features of the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS);

Reply: The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) has been introduced by the Government of India under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with the objective of promoting the development of the domestic shipbuilding industry and strengthening India's maritime industrial ecosystem. The scheme forms part of the Government's broader strategy under Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which aim to position India among the leading global shipbuilding nations and significantly enhance indigenous shipbuilding capacity.

The primary objective of the scheme is to expand and modernize India's shipbuilding infrastructure and industrial capabilities. It seeks to facilitate the establishment of new shipbuilding facilities and support the expansion and modernization of existing shipyards to improve their efficiency, productivity, and technological capabilities. The scheme also aims to develop a robust shipbuilding ecosystem by promoting ancillary industries, supply chains, research and development, and skill development associated with shipbuilding activities.

Another key objective is to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian shipyards by encouraging the adoption of modern technologies, improving operational efficiencies, and creating an enabling policy and

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infrastructure framework for shipbuilding activities in the country. The scheme also supports the broader national goal of strengthening maritime manufacturing capacity and promoting self-reliance in the maritime sector.

The Shipbuilding Development Scheme incorporates several key features. It supports the development of integrated greenfield shipbuilding clusters, which are envisaged as comprehensive maritime industrial ecosystems bringing together shipyards, ancillary units, research and design centres, testing facilities, and skill development institutions. In addition, the scheme provides support for brownfield expansion and modernization of existing shipyards, enabling them to augment their production capacity and adopt advanced shipbuilding technologies.

Further, the scheme includes provisions for credit risk coverage and financial facilitation to improve access to finance and reduce financial risks associated with shipbuilding projects. Detailed implementation guidelines have been issued covering cluster development, capacity expansion, and risk coverage mechanisms to ensure transparent project evaluation, monitoring, and effective implementation.

Overall, the Shipbuilding Development Scheme aims to create modern shipbuilding infrastructure, strengthen industrial capacity, and develop a competitive and sustainable shipbuilding ecosystem in India, thereby supporting the long-term objective of positioning India as a major global hub for shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing.

(b) the proposed model for developing greenfield shipbuilding clusters and the Centre-State funding pattern;

Reply: Under the proposed model, the development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters will be undertaken through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) structure involving participation of the Central Government, State Government, and private sector stakeholders. The State Governments will primarily facilitate land availability, external connectivity, utilities, and local infrastructure, while the Central Government will support the development of common maritime infrastructure required for shipbuilding activities such as dry docks, fabrication facilities, heavy lifting infrastructure, and other core shipyard assets.

The clusters are intended to function as comprehensive industrial hubs, enabling co-location of shipbuilding yards, marine equipment manufacturing units, logistics facilities, and research and innovation centres. The model also emphasizes integration with skill development institutions and training facilities to ensure availability of a skilled workforce to support large-scale shipbuilding operations.

With regard to the funding pattern, the scheme envisages financial support from the Central Government for the development of common infrastructure within the clusters, while the remaining investment will be mobilized through State Government contributions and private sector participation under the SPV framework. The funding structure recommended to leverage both public and private investment in order to accelerate infrastructure development and enhance overall project viability.

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(c) whether any shipbuilding cluster or major yard has been planned or proposed in Maharashtra in view of the upcoming Vadhavan port and 720-km coastline, and if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: At present, no greenfield shipbuilding cluster has been formally planned or proposed specifically in Maharashtra in view of the upcoming vadhavan port.

(d) How SbDS is expected to support India's ambition to establish one of its largest shipyards in Maharashtra by 2026?

Reply: The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) aims to enhance India's shipbuilding capacity through development of large shipbuilding infrastructure and integrated maritime industrial clusters. Under the scheme, the Government proposes a cluster-based approach for establishing large greenfield shipbuilding hubs, comprising shipyards along with ancillary industries, design centres, testing facilities, and skill development institutions. SbDS provides support for the creation of common enabling infrastructure such as breakwaters, capital dredging, waterfront development, and connectivity, which are critical for establishing large shipyards and reducing the initial capital burden on investors. The scheme also includes credit risk coverage and financial facilitation mechanisms to improve access to finance and encourage investment in shipbuilding projects. Further, the proposed mega shipbuilding clusters are envisaged to host one or two large shipyards with significant production capacity supported by ancillary industries.

Through these measures, SbDS is expected to facilitate the establishment of large shipbuilding facilities in coastal states, including Maharashtra, subject to feasibility, State Government support, and private sector participation.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Provisionally Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 262 "Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS). to be replied on 17.03.2026. -reg

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India**]**

Sub: Admitted Starred Parliament Question: Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred No.262 on "Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS)" to be replied on 17.03.2026 -reg.

Sir,

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(i) the objectives and key features of the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) notified by the Government;

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Further, the scheme includes provisions for credit risk coverage and financial facilitation to improve access to finance and reduce financial risks associated with shipbuilding projects. Detailed implementation guidelines have been issued covering cluster development, capacity expansion, and risk coverage mechanisms to ensure transparent project evaluation, monitoring, and effective implementation. Overall, the Shipbuilding Development Scheme aims to create modern shipbuilding infrastructure, strengthen industrial capacity, and develop a competitive and sustainable shipbuilding ecosystem in India, thereby supporting the long-term objective of positioning India as a major global hub for shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing.

(ii) the manner in which greenfield shipbuilding clusters is likely to be developed, including the funding pattern between the Centre and the States;

Reply: Under the proposed model, the development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters will be undertaken through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) structure involving participation of the Central Government or any of its agencies, State Government or any of its agencies, and private sector stakeholders. The State Governments will primarily facilitate land availability, external connectivity, utilities, and local infrastructure, while the Central Government will support the development of common maritime infrastructure required for shipbuilding activities such as dry docks, fabrication facilities, heavy lifting infrastructure, and other core shipyard assets. The clusters are intended to function as comprehensive industrial hubs, enabling co-location of shipbuilding yards, marine equipment manufacturing units, logistics facilities, and research and innovation centres. The model also emphasizes integration with skill development institutions and training facilities to ensure availability of a skilled workforce to support large-scale shipbuilding operations.

With regard to the funding pattern, the scheme envisages financial support from the Central Government for the development of common infrastructure within the clusters, while the remaining investment will be mobilized through State Government contributions and private sector participation under the SPV framework. The funding structure is envisioned to leverage both public and private investment in order to accelerate infrastructure development and enhance overall project viability.

(iii) the details of the Credit Risk Coverage Framework introduced under the said Scheme and its expected impact on improving project bankability; and

Reply: Under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS), the Government has introduced a Credit Risk Coverage Framework to address the financial risks faced by shipyards and improve the bankability of shipbuilding projects. The framework provides Government-backed risk mitigation through structured insurance products to protect shipyards against key contractual and operational risks associated with shipbuilding activities.

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The framework envisages the creation of a dedicated corpus for credit risk coverage, with an outlay of ₹1,443 crore, to support insurance-based risk cover mechanisms for shipbuilding projects. The scheme will fund coverage for three primary types of risks:

(i) Pre-Shipment Insurance (Buyer's Default Insurance) – which protects shipyards from financial losses if a buyer cancels the order or defaults on payment during vessel construction;

(ii) Post-Shipment Insurance – which covers the risk of non-payment or delayed payment after delivery of the vessel due to disputes, performance issues, or other factors; and

(iii) Vendor Default Insurance – which aims to protects shipyards against losses arising from failure of vendors to deliver critical equipment or components after receiving advance payments.

These insurance products will be administered through designated Government-owned agencies or public sector entities, which will develop and offer the credit risk cover products. Funds for the risk coverage corpus will be managed by the designated implementing agency and allocated to the nominated credit risk cover agencies based on projected demand and utilization. By providing Government-supported risk mitigation and enabling structured insurance coverage, the framework is expected to reduce financial risks for shipyards, improve lender confidence, and facilitate greater participation of banks and financial institutions in financing shipbuilding projects. This will enhance the bankability of shipbuilding contracts, improve cash-flow stability for shipyards, and encourage both domestic and export-oriented shipbuilding activities in India. Overall, the Credit Risk Coverage Framework aims to strengthen the financial ecosystem of the shipbuilding sector by reducing risk exposure, improving access to credit, and supporting the long-term growth and competitiveness of the Indian shipbuilding industry.

(iv) the steps taken to establish the India Ship Technology Centre under the Indian Maritime University to promote research, innovation and skill development?

Reply: The Indian Ship Technology Centre (ISTC) under the Indian Maritime University (IMU) as part of the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) was established to strengthen research, innovation, and capability development in the shipbuilding sector. A financial outlay of ₹305 crore has been proposed for setting up the Centre. The further information and steps regarding setting up the Centre is not available with Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

11/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S7575, S7545, S7665, S7692 on "Objectives and key features of Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS)" to be replied on 17.03.2026 -reg.

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Subject: Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S7575, S7545, S7665, S7692 on "Objectives and key features of Shipbuilding Development

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To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S7575, S7545, S7665, S7692 on "Objectives and key features of Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS)" to be replied on 17.03.2026

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(i) the objectives and key features of the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) notified by the Ministry;

Reply: The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) has been introduced by the Government of India under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with the objective of promoting the development of the domestic shipbuilding industry and strengthening India's maritime industrial ecosystem. The scheme forms part of the Government's broader strategy under Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which aim to position India among the leading global shipbuilding nations and significantly enhance indigenous shipbuilding capacity.

The primary objective of the scheme is to expand and modernize India's shipbuilding infrastructure and industrial capabilities. It seeks to facilitate the establishment of new shipbuilding facilities and support the expansion and modernization of existing shipyards to improve their efficiency, productivity, and technological capabilities. The scheme also aims to develop a robust shipbuilding ecosystem by promoting ancillary industries, supply chains, research and development, and skill development associated with shipbuilding activities. Another key objective is to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian shipyards by encouraging the adoption of modern technologies, improving operational efficiencies, and creating an enabling policy and infrastructure framework for shipbuilding activities in the country. The scheme also supports the broader national goal of strengthening maritime manufacturing capacity and promoting self-reliance in the maritime sector.

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The Shipbuilding Development Scheme incorporates several key features. It supports the development of integrated greenfield shipbuilding clusters, which are envisaged as comprehensive maritime industrial ecosystems bringing together shipyards, ancillary units, research and design centres, testing facilities, and skill development institutions. In addition, the scheme provides support for brownfield expansion and modernization of existing shipyards, enabling them to augment their production capacity and adopt advanced shipbuilding technologies.

Further, the scheme includes provisions for credit risk coverage and financial facilitation to improve access to finance and reduce financial risks associated with shipbuilding projects. Detailed implementation guidelines have been issued covering cluster development, capacity expansion, and risk coverage mechanisms to ensure transparent project evaluation, monitoring, and effective implementation. Overall, the Shipbuilding Development Scheme aims to create modern shipbuilding infrastructure, strengthen industrial capacity, and develop a competitive and sustainable shipbuilding ecosystem in India, thereby supporting the long-term objective of positioning India as a major global hub for shipbuilding and maritime manufacturing.

(ii) the manner in which greenfield shipbuilding clusters will be developed, including the funding pattern between the Centre and the States;

Reply: Under the proposed model, the development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters will be undertaken through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) structure involving participation of the Central Government or any of its agencies, State Government or any of its agencies, and private sector stakeholders. The State Governments will primarily facilitate land availability, external connectivity, utilities, and local infrastructure, while the Central Government will support the development of common maritime infrastructure required for shipbuilding activities such as dry docks, fabrication facilities, heavy lifting infrastructure, and other core shipyard assets. The clusters are intended to function as comprehensive industrial hubs, enabling co-location of shipbuilding yards, marine equipment manufacturing units, logistics facilities, and research and innovation centres. The model also emphasizes integration with skill development institutions and training facilities to ensure availability of a skilled workforce to support large-scale shipbuilding operations.

With regard to the funding pattern, the scheme envisages financial support from the Central Government for the development of common infrastructure within the clusters, while the remaining investment will be mobilized through State Government contributions and private sector participation under the SPV framework. The funding structure is envisioned to leverage both public and private investment in order to accelerate infrastructure development and enhance over all project viability.

(iii) the details of the Credit Risk Coverage Framework introduced under the Scheme and its expected impact on improving project bankability;

Reply: Under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS), the Government has introduced a Credit Risk Coverage Framework to address the financial risks faced by shipyards and improve the bankability of shipbuilding projects. The framework provides Government-backed risk mitigation through structured insurance products to protect shipyards against key contractual and operational risks associated with shipbuilding activities.

The framework envisages the creation of a dedicated corpus for credit risk coverage, with an outlay of ₹1,443 crore, to support insurance-based risk cover mechanisms for shipbuilding projects. The scheme will fund coverage for three primary types of risks:

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(iv) the steps taken to establish the India Ship Technology Centre under the Indian Maritime University to promote research, innovation and skill development?

Reply: The Indian Ship Technology Centre (ISTC) under the Indian Maritime University (IMU) as part of the Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) was established to strengthen research, innovation, and capability development in the shipbuilding sector. A financial outlay of ₹305 crore has been proposed for setting up the Centre. The further information and steps regarding setting up the Centre is not available with Directorate.

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Parliament Question: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy No. S6982 for answer on 17.3.2026 regarding ' Navigating New Horizons: India's Maritime Transformation'

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Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy No. S6982 regarding "Navigating New Horizons: India's Maritime Transformation" to be replied on 17.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 06.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of **Para 1(b)** of the Directorate are as below.

b) whether the Government has launched Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme to double the freight share of coastal shipping from 6% to 12% by 2047; and

Reply: The Union Budget 2026-27 announced the Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme to incentivize modal shift of cargo from road and rail to coastal shipping and inland waterways. The scheme aims to increase the share of water-based transport in India's freight modal mix from about 6% at present to 12% by 2047, thereby reducing logistics costs, congestion and emissions.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

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Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred / Unstarred Question Dy No. S7781 for answer on 17.3.2026 regarding ' Container Manufacturing Capacity and Proposed Scheme

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) दिनांक 12.03.2026, for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

2 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ RS Dy. No. S7781.pdf
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) Date: 12.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Starred / Unstarred Diary No.: S7781 for Answer on 17.03.2026 regarding "Container Manufacturing Capacity and Proposed Scheme" -reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) the State-wise details of existing container manufacturing units and installed capacity in TEUs across the country, especially in Andhra Pradesh, along with employment generated;

(b) Details of Container manufacturing scheme announced, and the eligibility criteria, guidelines and funding structure thereof;

(c) whether any focused incentives are proposed for coastal States including Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the projected enhancement in container manufacturing capacity and likely employment generation under the proposed scheme?

(e) Timeline and implementation of the scheme

Reply: (a) to (e) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Input/comments on Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Diary No. 6395 to be answered on 19.03.2026 on the subject "Impact of Regional War on Maine Ecology and Energy Transition " – Reg.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.35417) dated 12.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

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F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS(C.No.35417) Date: 12.03.2026

To,
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 12.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Ministry has assessed the ecological impact on the Indian coastline due to potential oil spills or 'Maritime Sabotage' in the Arabian Sea;

(b) how the current Middle East conflict is affecting the timeline for India's Green Hydrogen Mission, given the disruption in global technology transfer;

(c) whether the Government plans to treat 'Energy Security' as a 'National Environmental Priority' to speed up domestic nuclear and solar projects to reduce dependency on the war-torn Gulf; and

(d) the steps taken to safeguard Indian 'Blue Economy' investments from the collateral damage of regional missile strikes?

Reply: (a) to (d) – No information is available with this Directorate.

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Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

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Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S1438 on "Coastal Shipping and Logistics Cost Reduction" to be replied on 17.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.35569) dated 12.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

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सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

2 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ RS Dy. No. S1438.pdf 338.9 KB

RS PQ S1438 ans 17.03.2026.... 17.4 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.35569) Date: 12.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. S1438 on "Coastal Shipping and Logistics Cost Reduction" to be replied on 17.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) coastal cargo volumes moved in the last two years;

Reply: The coastal cargo moved in the last two years is as follows:
(i) FY 2023–24: 331 million tonnes (MT)
(ii) FY 2024–25: 339 million tonnes (MT)

(b) incentives provided to promote coastal shipping; and

Reply: The incentives provided to promote coastal shipping are as follows:
(i) Concession in Port Charges: A 40% concession on vessel-related and cargo-related port charges for coastal vessels at major ports was introduced to improve the cost competitiveness of coastal shipping vis-à-vis road and rail transport.

(ii) GST Reduction on Bunker Fuel: The GST on bunker fuel used by coastal vessels was reduced from 18% to 5%, lowering operating costs for coastal shipping operators.

(c) assessments of impact on logistics costs and modal shift.

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Inputs for Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2858 (Diary no. S5642) due for 17.03.2026-reg

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 12.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Untarred Question No.2858 (Diary No.55642) due for 17.03.2026 regarding "National policy and research efforts to promote solar-powered boats".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 12.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government is considering on chalking out a plan to encourage the use of solar-powered boats for fishing, passenger transport, and tourism in collaboration with state governments, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is collaborating with research institutions and industry to strengthen research and development for solar boats and whether testing in the field of indigenous technology development is being done; and

(c) if so, the milestones achievements made so far in the area?

Reply: (a) to (c) – There are two Central Government schemes covering solar-powered boats:

(a) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP), under which a flat financial assistance of 20% is provided for eligible solar-powered boats, in order to promote the adoption of green and energy-efficient technologies in shipbuilding.

(b) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS), under which eligible solar-powered boats are entitled to 15% financial assistance on the first ₹100 crore value and 25% on the amount exceeding ₹100 crore.

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Sir,

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Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Diary No. 3120 to be answered on 19.03.2026 on the subject "Impact of Regional War on Maine Ecology and Energy Transition " – Reg.

2 emails

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.35417) dated 13.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS(C.No.35417) Date: 13.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Dairy No.3120 to be answered on 19.03.2026 regarding "Impact of Regional War on Maine Ecology and Energy Transition".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 13.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Ministry has assessed the ecological impact on the Indian coastline due to potential oil spills or 'Maritime Sabotage' in the Arabian Sea;

(b) how the current Middle East conflict is affecting the timeline for India's Green Hydrogen Mission, given the disruption in global technology transfer;

(c) whether the Government plans to treat 'Energy Security' as a 'National Environmental Priority' to speed up domestic nuclear and solar projects to reduce dependency on the war-torn Gulf; and

(d) the steps taken to safeguard Indian 'Blue Economy' investments from the collateral damage?

Reply: (a) to (d) – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

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PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. 14773 for Answer on 20/03/2026 regarding Welfare of Indian Seafarers.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (C.No.35557) dated 13.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

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F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.35557) Date: 13.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No.14773 for answer on 20.03.2026 regarding 'Welfare of Indian Seafarers'.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways's email dated 09.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the number of Indian seafarers abandoned in merchant ships since 2022 including cases occurring in, foreign territorial waters, EEZs, and international waters in the country, State-wise and year-wise;

Reply: **i)** Year-wise details of Indian Seafarers abandoned abroad countries and India.

Year	Vessels	Seafarers
2026 (as on date)	1	13
2025	50	369
2024	48	298
2023	14	105
2022	18	99

(ii) State-wise details of abandoned seafarers in India
(These cases are included in the total figures above)

Maharashtra

Year	Vessels No.	Seafarers No.
2025	1	8
2024	1	2
2023	-	-
2022	2	22

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Gujarat

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1	22
2024	-	-
2023	-	-
2022	-	-

Tamil Nadu

Year	Vessels No	Seafarers No.
2025	1	6
2024	-	-
2023	1	5
2022	-	-

(b) the procedures followed by Indian Embassies/High Commissions for tracing, assisting, and repatriating abandoned seafarers on Indian and foreign-flagged vessels;

Reply: Not applicable.

(c) the protocol adopted when an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore;

Reply: When an abandoned seafarer dies onboard or ashore, the Directorate General of Shipping follows a defined protocol.

DGS immediately informs and coordinates with the concerned Indian Embassy/High Commission, local port and police authorities, the Flag State, shipowner, and P&I Club. Identity of the deceased is verified, and local authorities are requested to conduct the post-mortem, medical reports, and issue of the death certificate.

DGS ensures that all outstanding wages, medical bills, and contractual entitlements are settled through the shipowner or MLC financial-security provider. The Directorate then facilitates, through the Embassy, the embalming, documentation, and repatriation of the mortal remains to India at no cost to the family. The case is monitored continuously until the body is received by the next-of-kin and all dues are paid.

Further, as per the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016, para 5 of (e) i.e. *"ensure, as far as practicable, that the ship owner has the means to protect such seafarers from being stranded in a port; and in such an event shall make adequate provisions for the repatriation of a stranded seafarer along with his maintenance and required emergency medical assistance prior to repatriation and the transportation of the mortal remains of a seafarer in the event of his death, and it shall also furnish a bank guarantee to cover the cost of repatriation of the seafarer in an event of his abandonment and being stranded."*

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(d) **whether financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the MLC, 2006 are enforced for all Indian seafarers and the steps taken to secure unpaid wages, medical care and repatriation, if so, the details thereof**;

Reply: Yes, the financial-security and insurance mechanisms under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 are enforced for all seafarers engaged through authorised RPSL companies. Shipowners are required to maintain valid MLC financial-security certificates covering repatriation, unpaid wages (up to 4 months), medical costs, and compensation in cases of abandonment, injury, or death.

When abandonment is reported, the Directorate General of Shipping coordinates with the Flag State, P&I Club, shipowner, and RPSL company to activate the MLC financial-security provisions. These mechanisms ensure: Immediate medical care for the seafarer, Payment of outstanding wages, Provisioning and welfare support, and Timely repatriation at no cost to the seafarer.

If the shipowner fails to comply, the P&I Club or insurance provider is compelled to honour these obligations, and regulatory action is initiated under the MLC framework and national rules.

(e) the measures taken by Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate RPS agencies and strengthen grievance-redressal systems;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping has taken several measures to prevent fraudulent recruitment, regulate RPS agencies, and strengthen grievance-redressal systems. Key steps include:

- Issuance of Merchant Shipping Notice 11 of 2024 dated 03.06.2024 regarding Action against Recruitment & Placement Services (RPS) agencies and seafarers for utilizing deceitful practices. Direct action against Recruitment companies and seafarers involved in deceitful practices.
- MS Notice 10 of 2025 dated 01.10.2025 regarding Implementation of Revised guidelines for Inspection of RPS Providers under the Merchant. Most important action is each Recruitment company to be audited by the Administration once in every five years. The inspection area has been widened and ensuring and verifying financial security documents and many more important area to be verified during the RPSL Audit.
- Strict regulation and audit of RPSL agencies, with mandatory compliance under the RPS Rules and MLC, 2006.
- DGS Order 09 of 2025 dated 08.08.2025 prior approval to new RPSL Companies screening of the RPSL credentials in accordance with the provision of the DGS order.
- Live online verification systems allowing seafarers to check Valid, Invalid, or Temporarily Blocked RPSL companies in real time.

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- Linking of eMigrate ARN with passport, ensuring no seafarer can travel abroad without engaging a valid RPSL company.
- Seafarers can directly report to the DG Shipping through profile if the company have placed them on different vessel.
- Mandatory Form-1 issuance, preventing fake recruitment offers.
- Strengthened audit mechanisms, including inspection, suspension, or cancellation of RPSL licences for violations.
- Enhanced grievance-redressal platforms, including 24×7 helplines, email reporting, and coordination with Embassies and State authorities for quick action.
- Awareness advisories issued to seafarers, MTIs, unions, and shipping companies to prevent fraud and unethical practices.
- Meetings with the MEA and Embassies for faster and quick coordination under chair of the Special Secretary.
- Conducting online awareness for RPSL companies and seafarers regarding abandonment.
- Developed and added new course guidelines for awareness among the seafarers.
- Few more strict guidelines are under draft stage such as;

    - Enhancement of the bank guarantee.
    - Revision of the RPSL Rules
    - Blacklisting of the vessels and flags.
    - Creating online / offline seafarers' awareness.

These measures collectively enhance transparency, protect seafarers from fraudulent recruitment, and ensure accountability of RPS agencies.

(f) whether the Government maintains a database and early-warning mechanism for seafarer welfare and safety; and

Reply: At present, there is no dedicated early-warning system available for predicting seafarer abandonment. The Government primarily depends on direct reporting by seafarers or their families or international welfare Organisations for seafarers. In many cases, seafarers first reach out to international bodies such as ITF, ISWAN, Port State Control authorities, or the vessel's Flag State. Once any such report is received at the Directorate General of Shipping, the case is immediately tracked, monitored, and followed up for speedy resolution.

Social-media advisories and awareness messages are regularly issued by DGS to help seafarers identify early warning signs and symptoms of potential abandonment.

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Separately, the Directorate operates digital systems such as SID, e-Migrate, DGS Database, RPSL Monitoring System, and linkages with the IMO/ILO Abandonment Portal—which help track Indian seafarers, their employers, and welfare-related concerns. Based on these inputs, DGS promptly coordinates with Indian Embassies, Flag States, P&I Clubs, and RPSL companies to ensure timely intervention and assistance.

(g) the benefits and legislative improvements expected from the recently passed Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 for abandoned seafarers?

Reply: (i) Legislative improvement in relation to abandoned seafarers:

The following legislative improvements have been carried out under the new Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

The definition of 'abandoned seafarer' has been introduced in Section 3(1) of MS Act, 2025.

Section 62(6) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 **("MS Act, 2025")** is a new sub-section which imposes obligations on licensed recruitment and placement service agencies. Section 62(6)(a) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner has financial ability for repatriation of abandoned seafarers and Section 62(6)(b) requires such agencies to ensure that the shipowner repatriates abandoned seafarers, along with their maintenance and required medical assistance before such repatriation. If any recruitment and placement service agency contravenes clause (a) or clause (b) of Section 62(6), penalty which may extend to fifteen lakh rupees, may be imposed under Section 281(2) of the MS Act, 2025.

Section 92 is a new section introduced in the MS Act, 2025 which requires arrangement of replacement crew to be sent on board abandoned vessels, from which seafarers have to be repatriated. This section was introduced due to the practical issue of inability to repatriate seafarers on abandoned vessels till a replacement crew is sent. This section seeks to provide that in case of abandoned Indian vessels and foreign vessel abandoned within India's coastal waters, if the shipowner fails to make arrangement for or to meet the cost of arranging for replacement crew to be sent onboard the vessel whose seafarers are to be repatriated, the Central Government shall arrange for a replacement crew to be sent onboard. The costs incurred by the Central Government for arranging such replacement crew shall constitute a debt owed to the Central Government by the vessel's owner or agent. Further, it clarifies that the shipowner shall not be entitled to recover such cost from the seafarer. In any proceeding in Part V of MS act, 2025 a certificate issued by the Central Government or an authorised officer confirming abandonment will serve as conclusive evidence of a seafarer's status as an abandoned seafarer under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

Further, measures to be taken for welfare of distressed or abandoned seafarers has been included as one of the matters [Section 5(1)(e)] on which the Seafarer's Welfare Board can advise the Central Government.

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(ii) **Expected benefits of legislative reforms/improvement**:

The above legislative reforms are expected to remove any ambiguity in the definition of 'abandoned seafarers', clarify the obligations of recruitment and placement agencies financial obligations of ship-owners, action to be taken on failure of shipowner to repatriate the seafarers, replacement of crew and recovery of expenses for such replacement of crew. The overall impact is expected to be in the form of larger discouragement of practice of abandonment of seafarers and protections of rights of seafarers while on board vessels.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

13/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted unstarred question Dy.No U5580, S7312 for 24.03.2026 "Safety Concerns in Ship-braking Yards".

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Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. U5580, S7312 on "Safety Concerns in Ship-braking Yards" to be replied on 24.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 13.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

Sr. No.	Question	Answer	
a)	the state-wise the total number of authorised ship recycling yards in the country, and the number of such yards that have been issued Statements of Compliance (SoC) under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships (HKC);	**Gujarat**	There are 150 ship recycling plots at the Alang–Sosiya Ship Recycling Yard, Gujarat. Out of these, 115 plots have been issued Statements of Compliance (SoC) under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.
		West Bengal	SMPK presently has one licenced Ship breaker, and allows Ship breaking activities in a very limited manner, inside its impounded Dock system, at KPD II, and Vessels upto157m LOA, except oil tankers and chemical tankers, are recycled in this yard. This ship breaking Yard has not been issued any SoC under HKC. However this Yard is shortly going to be converted into a

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<tr><td>c)</td><td>whether compensation, insurance claims, or ex-gratia payments have been provided to the affected workers or the families of deceased workers.</td><td>Gujarat</td><td>Yes,

In injury cases, compensation of Rs. 5,000 is paid to the injured worker by the plot holder as per GMB Regulations, 2003. A total compensation of Rs. 3.25 lakh has been provided to 52 beneficiaries.

In fatal cases, compensation of Rs. 5 lakh along with Rs. 25,000 as ex-gratia is paid to the family of the deceased worker by the plot holder as per GMB's Ship Recycling Regulations, 2003 and 2015. Additionally, from 2025 onwards, compensation of Rs. 5 lakh is also provided from the Ferrous Scrap Development Fund (FSDF) through the Ship Breaking Scrap Committee</td></tr>
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			(SBSC). A total compensation of Rs. 75 lakh has been provided to 13 beneficiaries (families of deceased workers).
		West Bengal	Provisions for Insurance and Compensation, are provided by the Licenced ship recycler.
		Kerala	Nil
		Goa	Nil
		Karnataka	Nil
		Lakshadweep	Not Applicable

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

16/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Diary No. U4012 for Answer on 17/03/2026 regarding Maritime Infrastructure and Skill Development in Maharashtra.

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29901) दिनांक 13.03.2026, सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29901) dated 13.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29901) Date: 13.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. 4012 for answer on 17.03.2026 regarding "Maritime infrastructure and Skill Development in Maharashtra".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 09.03.22026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

a) **Details of maritime infrastructure and skill development initiatives in Maharashtra?**

Reply: (i) Out of the 167 DGS-approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) across India, Maharashtra hosts 53 institutes, which includes those approved for both pre-sea and post-sea training courses.

(ii) Further, one of the most significant DGS-led skill development initiatives in Maharashtra is the formal partnership with **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA)** for training local youth around the upcoming Vadhvan Port, Palghar district. A Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") was entered into by and between the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping), Government of India, and the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), collectively referred to as the "Parties," for the purpose of fostering skill development and enhancing employment opportunities for the local population in the vicinity of the proposed Vadhvan Port, District Palghar.

The primary objective of this MOU is to facilitate the training of local candidates in maritime fields, mainly in the General Purpose (GP) Rating and Certificate in Maritime Catering (Saloon Rating), through DG Shipping-approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs).

(iii) In accordance with the provisions outlined in Training Circular No. 12 of 2020, issued by the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping), the circular prescribes the eligibility criteria for

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admission to all pre-sea courses which is a pre-requisite for a career in the merchant navy. There are course such as the General Purpose (GP) Rating Course which provide pathways to a skilled person with an **Industrial Training Institute (ITI)** background to get an employment opportunity in the merchant navy.

(iv) The Directorate has taken initiative to create awareness about merchant navy as a career option and required all Maritime Training Institutes to undertake promotional campaign at the ITIs within their jurisdiction. This has been a successful campaign, and such outreach programmes is aimed at guiding the youth towards a career at sea or in the allied sectors such as ship-building.

(v) Additionally, two new national-level initiatives have been proposed: the Institutionalisation of **Maritime National Games** and **Maritime National Awards**, meant to foster pride, sportsmanship, institutional identity, and professional motivation among maritime trainees, for awareness of career progression in merchant navy and to create the pipeline for training, Placement.

b) How many shipyards, dry docks, logistics hubs and maritime training institutes have been established or upgraded in the last five years?

Reply: The information on establishment of ship-yards, dry-docks, logistics hubs is not readily available with this Directorate. However, as per the information on Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW), 18 shipyards located in Maharashtra have been registered under the SBFAP framework.

In the past five years in Maharashtra, a total of 7 Maritime Training Institutes have been newly established or upgraded, out of which 2 are pre-sea training institutes and 5 are post-sea training institutes.

c) What steps are being taken to promote local employment, enhance technical skills, and support entrepreneurship in maritime services and logistics?

Reply: Ministry has allocated ₹19,989 crore overall for SbDS to improve capacity & capability creation. out of which ₹ 305 crores is allocated for India Ship Technology Centre (ISTC) under IMU for Research and development, Ship design and innovation, Technology development and Skills development / manpower capacity building.

d) Additionally, how does the Ministry ensure the implementation of modern technologies, safety standards, and environmental management practices in port operations, shipping activities, and inland waterways, contributing to Maharashtra overall maritime development and competitiveness in national and international trade?

Reply: No information available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

13/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. U4447 to be replied on 24.03.2026 - regarding the government has assessed need for port-linked warehousing, aggregation hubs and customs facilitation for exporters in erode district, tamil nadu.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 16.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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1 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ. U4447 ans on 24.0...
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. -12-22011/2/2024 COORD-DGS (C.No. 31900) Date: 16.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. U4447 on "The government has assessed need for port-linked warehousing, aggregation hubs and customs facilitation for exporters in erode district, Tamil Nadu." to be replied on 24.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the government has assessed need for port-linked warehousing, aggregation hubs and customs facilitation for exporters in erode district, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of government proposals for logistics parks, documentation facilitation, inland cargo handling support and implementation steps in erode district,

(c) The steps proposed to be taken by the government to reduce transaction costs, improve clearance predictability and speed export cargo movement in the said district.

Reply: (a) to **(c)** No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Rajya Sabha admitted Parliament Unstarred Q.No.8756 (admitted as 3256) for Answer on 20.03.2026 regarding "Foreign-owned Undersea Data Cables and AI Security".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) dated 16.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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F. No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) Date: 16.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha admitted Parliament Unstarred Q.No.8756 (admitted as 3256) for Answer on 20.03.2026 regarding "Foreign-owned Undersea Data Cables and AI Security".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 16.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) **Whether the Government has assessed the geopolitical and national security implications of foreign-owned-undersea data cables connecting India with other countries, particularly regarding data sovereignty, surveillance risks and strategic dependence.**

(b) **whether existing encryption standards, regulatory safeguards and oversight mechanisms adequately protect Indians critical data flows and AI infrastructure from external interference or control;**

(c) **the steps taken to strengthen indigenous capabilities in artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and semiconductors to reduce technological dependence;**

(d) **how Indians preparedness in defence AI compares with major powers; and**

(e) **the diplomatic and multilateral initiatives undertaken to safeguard Indians strategic autonomy and leadership in global AI governance.**

Reply: **(a)** to **(e)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 15350 answer on 20.03.2026. "Safety Concerns in Ship-breaking Yards".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part-3 (C.No.35417) dated 16.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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2 Attachment(s)

Reply PQ. 15350 ans on 20.03... 1.1 MB

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F.No.12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS -Part-3 (C.No.35417) Date: 16.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question No. **15350** on **"Safety Concerns in Ship-braking Yards"** to be replied on 20.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 10.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

Sr. No.	Question	Answer	
a)	the total number of authorised ship recycling yards in the country, and the number of such yard that have been issued Statements of Compliance (SoC) under the Hong Kong International Convention for recycling Ships (HKC); State-wise;	**Gujarat**	There are 150 ship recycling plots at the Alang–Sosiya Ship Recycling Yard, Gujarat. Out of these, 115 plots have been issued Statements of Compliance (SoC) under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships.
		West Bengal	Shyam prasad Mukherjee Port Kolkatta (SMPK) presently has one licenced Ship breaker, and allows Ship breaking activities in a very limited manner, inside its impounded Dock system, at KPD II, and Vessels upto157m LOA, except oil tankers and chemical tankers,

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		West Bengal	Provisions for Insurance and Compensation, are provided by the Licenced ship recycler.
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		West Bengal	Nil
		Kerala	Nil
		Goa	Nil
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			actions, and compliance is ensured through follow-up inspections.
		West Bengal	Nil
		Kerala	Steel Industrials Kerala Limited (SILK) at Kannur is having following statutory approvals from following Government departments: 1. Factories boilers 2. Pollution control board 3. Port department 4. Local Self Government Department No violations are being reported by above inspecting agencies / Government departments.
		Goa	Nil
		Karnataka	Nil
		Lakshadweep	NA

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha starred/unstarred question Dy. No. 14715 on skill gaps, employment & future readiness for answering on 20.03.2026.

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महोदय / Sir,

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29901) dated 13.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

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समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (29901) Date: 13.03.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy. No. 14715 on "skill gaps, employment & future readiness" for answering on 20.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 10.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether skill gaps persist in port operations, logistics and inland shipping;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) whether training programmes match industry needs;

Reply: All seafarers training and certification are governed by the International Convention, 'Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers' (STCW), adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of which India is a member State. With the introduction of alternative fuel and newer technologies on ships, the IMO is in the process of issuing model course for the safety of seafarers working on ships using these emerging technologies. The DG Shipping had approved maritime training programmes for the use of gas as fuel and shall be issuing guidelines specific to each of the alternative fuel based on the issuance of the guidelines by the IMO.

(c) whether automation risks job displacement;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

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(d) whether skilling is regionally balanced; and

Reply: Maritime skilling for employment on ships are undertaken by maritime training institutes (MTIs) approved by the Directorate General of Shipping. In India, there are about 167 MTIs imparting pre-sea and post-sea training courses, which is a requisite for an employment onboard ships. The MTIs are located across India and the spread across regions as under:

REGIONS	Number of MTIs
North zone	31
West zone	61
South zone	50
East zone	25

(e) the manner in which the sector will generate quality maritime employment?

Reply: In order to generate quality maritime employment opportunity, the key is to strengthen training, skilling and education. The maritime training institutes imparting necessary training and certification to the seafarers follow the IMOs STCW Code and to aid quality of the maritime training, simulators are used to give the students real time scenario. Maritime simulators enhance training by providing a safe, cost-effective, and repeatable virtual environment to practice complex scenarios—such as navigation, maneuvering, and emergencies—without risking real vessels, cargo, or lives. High-quality training improves a seafarer's ability to handle complex, hazardous situations and therefore enhances the employment opportunities for the seafarers.

2. The issues with the approval of the compete authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Provisionally admitted unstarred question No. 15450 answer on 20.03.2026 "Safety Concerns in Ship Recycling Yards".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2025-COORD-DGS-Part-3 (C.No.35417) dated 17.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.**15450** on "**Safety Concerns in Ship Recycling Yards**" for 20.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 10.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

Sr. No.	Question	Reply	
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		West Bengal	Shyam prasad Mukherjee Port Kolkatta (SMPK) presently has one licenced Ship breaker, and allows Ship breaking activities in a very limited manner, inside its impounded Dock system, at KPD II, and Vessels upto157m LOA, except oil tankers and chemical tankers, are recycled in this yard. This ship breaking Yard has not been issued any SoC under HKC. However, this Yard is shortly going to be

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		West Bengal	Nil
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		Lakshadweep	Not Applicable

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question, diary no. 14290 regarding Exports Testing Facilities-reg.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 17.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred / Unstarred Question Dy.No. 14290 on **"Export Testing Facilities"** to be replied on 24.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 16.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has received representations from the State and exporters, including seafood exporter, regarding shortages of export testing facilities required to ensure products meeting international standards and prevent shipment rejections, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for such shortage and the measures taken to increase such export testing facilities;

(c) whether the Government has received representations from Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and textiles sector, regarding prices of domestic raw materials remaining 15-20 per cent higher than international prices, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such disparity and the measures taken to ensure price competitiveness;

Reply: (a) to **(c)** No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) whether the Government has received representations regarding shipping line levies for empty containers and shortage of shipping containers, including thee tea sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measures taken to ensure availability of shipping containers at competitive prices?;

Reply: Yes, one VIP reference has been received in this Directorate regarding shipping line levies for empty containers and shortage of shipping containers, including the tea sector.

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As per the input received from the Container Shipping Line Association (CSLA), the decline in tea exports from ICD Amingaon has been due to operational and market factors, including increased domestic consumption and reduced global demand for Assam Tea. Exporters have increasingly shifted to Kolkata, where multiple shipping lines provide competitive freight options.

The representation received from the Tea Association, primarily on behalf of M/s McLeod Russel, relates to relief in empty container repositioning tariffs. CSLA has indicated that revival of tea exports from ICD Amingaon would depend on tariff concessions by CONCOR and concerned Port authorities, as shipping lines are constrained in absorbing such costs independently.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

17/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. S9042 to be replied on 24.03.2026 regarding "Ease of Doing Business at Ports".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 17.03.2026. for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No.... 16.9 KB

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. S9042 to be replied on 24.03.2026 regarding "Ease of Doing Business at Ports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 12.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) **whether the Government has assessed procedural and regulatory bottlenecks faced by exporters, importers and shipping lines at major and non-major ports that affect ease of doing business, and if so, the details thereof;**

(b) **average dwell time of cargo and vessel turnaround time at major ports during last five years, port-wise, and how these compare with global benchmarks;**

(c) **steps taken under initiatives such as One Nation, One Port Process to reduce documentation, digitise clearances and standardize procedures across ports;**

(d) **Corrective measures that Government is taking to resolve delays in port clearances, customs processes or cargo evacuation, etc**

Reply: **(a)** to **(d)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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Provisionally admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred question Dy. No. 4613 on "skill gaps, employment & future readiness" for answering on 20.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29901) dated 17.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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Reply PQ No. 4613 Answer on... 578.6 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (29901)

Date: 17.03.2026

To,
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 4613 on "skill gaps, employment & future readiness" for answering on 20.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 16.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether skill gaps persist in port operations, logistics and inland shipping;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) whether training programmes match industry needs and skilling is regionally balanced, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: All seafarers training and certification are governed by the International Convention, 'Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers' (STCW), adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of which India is a member State. With the introduction of alternative fuel and newer technologies on ships, the IMO is in the process of issuing model course for the safety of seafarers working on ships using these emerging technologies. The DG Shipping had approved maritime training programmes for the use of gas as fuel and shall be issuing guidelines specific to each of the alternative fuel based on the issuance of the guidelines by the IMO.

Maritime skilling for employment on ships are undertaken by maritime training institutes (MTIs) approved by the Directorate General of Shipping. In India, there are about 167 MTIs imparting pre-sea

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and post-sea training courses, which is a requisite for an employment onboard ships. The MTIs are located across India and the spread across regions as under:

REGIONS	Number of MTIs
North zone	31
West zone	61
South zone	50
East zone	25

(c) whether automation risks job displacement; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the sector will generate quality maritime employment?

Reply: (c) and **(d)** No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the compete authority.

Yours faithfully

17/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Admitted Parliament Question: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4758 on "Revival of Shipbuilding Industry" to be replied on 20.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (C.No.29901) dated 18.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

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Reply PQ No. 4758 Answer on... 1 MB

LS PQ 4758 Answer on 20.03.... 19.9 KB

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F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1)(C.No.29901) Date: 18.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Admitted Parliament Question: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4758 on "Revival of Shipbuilding Industry" to be replied on 20.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 16.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress made towards enhancing India's share in global shipbuilding and ship repair following the announcement of measures under the Union Budget 2025-26 and in alignment with Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

Reply: (a) and (b) - Yes. The Government has reviewed the progress made towards enhancing India's share in global shipbuilding and ship repair in alignment with the Maritime India Vision 2030 and the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, along with measures announced under Union Budget 2025–26. As per the review:

(1) Under the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy, a total of 288 contracts worth ₹19,748 crore, covering 456 vessels, have received *in-principle approval*. The approved vessel categories include tugs, general cargo vessels, bulk carriers, oil tankers, crane pontoons, heavy deck cargo vessels, Ro-Ro passenger vessels, crew boats, deck loading crafts, coastal research vessels, modular pontoons, passenger catamarans, passenger-cum-motorcycle ferries, passenger ferries, landing crafts, jack-up barges and self-elevating platforms.

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(2) A total of ₹620.57 crore has been disbursed to 23 shipyards for the construction and delivery of 204 vessels, reflecting progress in strengthening the domestic shipbuilding ecosystem.
(3) Under Maritime India Vision 2030, over 150 strategic initiatives are being implemented with projected investments of ₹3–3.5 lakh crore. Major ports handled approximately 855 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2024–25, reflecting improved port performance.
(4) The Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 lays down 300+ initiatives for long-term maritime infrastructure expansion, green shipping, enhancement of shipbuilding capability and logistics modernisation.

(c) whether the Government has taken steps to revamp the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy and to operationalize the proposed Maritime Development fund with a corpus of RS. 25,000 crore and if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes. the Government has taken several steps to revamp the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance framework and operationalise the Maritime Development Fund:

(1) Revamped Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) -
The earlier Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy has been revamped into the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) and extended till 31 March 2036 with a total corpus of ₹24,736 crore. The scheme provides 15–25% financial assistance per vessel, depending on vessel type, with milestone-based stage payments to improve cash flow for shipyards.
(2) Minimum Domestic Content Requirement-
A minimum 30% domestic content requirement has been introduced as an eligibility condition in order to promote indigenous shipbuilding capability.
(3) Ship Recycling Credit Note Mechanism-
The scheme incorporates a Ship Recycling Credit Note mechanism to incentivise recycling of old vessels and promote circularity within the maritime sector.
(4) Operationalisation of Maritime Development Fund-
The Government has approved a ₹25,000 crore Maritime Development Fund, comprising:
   - ₹20,000 crore Maritime Investment Fund, and
   - ₹5,000 crore Interest Incentivisation Fund,

   aimed at supporting long-term and low-cost financing for shipbuilding, ship repair, ports and maritime logistics.
(5) Implementing Agency-
Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited has been designated as the implementing agency for maritime financing initiatives and authorised to mobilise resources for the operationalisation of the Maritime Development Fund.
(6) MoPSW has published the guidelines for the implementation of the Maritime Development Fund.

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop shipbuilding clusters in the country with supporting infrastructure, skilling initiatives and technology support; and

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Reply: Yes the Government proposes to develop shipbuilding clusters under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme, which forms part of the approved ₹19,989 crore shipbuilding development package.

The scheme provides for:

- Development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters,
- Modernisation and expansion of brownfield shipyards,
- Establishment of the India Ship Technology Centre, and
- Provision of credit risk coverage and viability gap funding to enhance shipbuilding capacity.

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the measurable outcomes achieved in terms of private investment attracted, orders secured by Indian shipyards, employment generated and capacity augmentation in the shipbuilding and ship repair sector during the last two years?

Reply : No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

18/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 9882 regarding "Expansion of CISF Security Responsibilities" for answer on 25.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) dated 18.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

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Reply PQ No. 9882 Answer on... 564 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(2) (C.No.35569) Date: 18.03.2026

To,
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
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New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 9882 regarding "**Expansion of CISF Security Responsibilities**" for answer on 25.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 05.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(1) Whether the Government has decided to entrust the security of all major ports in the country to the Central Industrial Security Force; if so, details of the plan, implementation timeline and ports to be covered;

Reply: The matter to designate the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as a Recognized Security Organization (RSO) for port facilities under the framework of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, is under examination.

In its capacity as an RSO, if so designated CISF will perform a technical, advisory and assessment role to strengthen the security architecture of port facilities. The key functions envisaged include:

- Conducting Port Facility Security Assessments (PFSA).
- Preparation and review of Port Facility Security Plans (PFSP).
- Training and certification of port security personnel in accordance with the ISPS Code and relevant international conventions

The designation will apply to port facilities governed under the ISPS Code, and the operationalization will be undertaken in a phased manner based on security requirements and consultations with stakeholders.

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(2) Whether the Government has assessed the manpower, infrastructure, and technological requirements necessary for CISF to take over security responsibilities at additional critical infrastructure facilities, including ports and industrial installations; if so, details thereof;

(3) Whether any proposal exists to adopt a hybrid security model under which CISF would provide security services to private industrial establishments using modern surveillance systems and specialised equipment; if so, details thereof;

Reply: (2) and (3) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

18/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

tOP Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred question Dy. No. S9888 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Impact of West Asia Conflict on India□s Agricultural Exports" - reg.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 18.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/1/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) Date: 18.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
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Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Starred/Unstarred question Dy. No. S9888 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Impact of West Asia Conflict on India's Agricultural Exports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 17.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) Whether the Government has assessed the impact of the ongoing conflict in West Asia on India's agricultural and food exports, particularly shipments of rice, spices, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and processed foods; if so, details thereof?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) **Whether disruptions in shipping routes, higher insurance premiums, and logistical uncertainties due to the regional conflict have affected exporters and farmers dependent on West Asian markets; if so, steps taken to mitigate such risks?**

Reply: Yes, Exporters have indicated that insurance coverage for shipments to destinations in the affected region has become significantly more expensive, with insurers in certain cases reluctant to provide coverage for specific routes. The increase in war-risk premiums has added to the overall logistics costs for exporters.

The Container Shipping Lines Association (CSLA), during stakeholder consultations convened by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), has informed that diversions are disrupting established shipping schedules and transshipment arrangements. This has resulted in increased freight costs, higher fuel consumption, additional war-risk insurance premiums, and operational uncertainty. Shipping lines are postponing or modifying port calls, which has created uncertainty in delivery schedules and affected contractual commitments.

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Based on industry feedback received by DGS, the Government has taken mitigating steps. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has issued Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) permitting Indian ports to temporarily store West Asia-bound cargo as transshipment cargo to ease disruptions. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has set up an inter-ministerial monitoring group to review exporters' concerns on a daily basis, and a support desk has been established to assist exporters and importers facing cargo movement challenges. These measures are aimed at reducing the impact of regional disruptions on exporters and farmers dependent on West Asian markets.

(c) **Whether the Government proposes to explore alternative export destinations or strengthen trade facilitation measures to safeguard agricultural exports valued at approximately $11.8 billion annually to West Asia?**

Reply: No information is available to this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

16/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3671 to be replied on 24.03.2026 regarding "Ease of Doing Buisness at Ports"

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 18.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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F. No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.NO. 29880) Date: 18.03.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Admitted Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3671 for answer on 24.03.2026 regarding "Ease of Doing Business at Ports".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 18.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) **whether the Government has assessed procedural and regulatory bottlenecks faced by exporters, importers and shipping lines at major and non-major ports that affect ease of doing business, and if so, the details thereof;**

(b) **the average dwell time of cargo and vessel turnaround time at major ports during last five years, port-wise, and the comparison with global benchmarks;**

(c) **the steps taken under initiatives such as One Nation, One Port Process to reduce documentation, digitise clearances and standardize procedures across ports; and**

(d) **the corrective measures that Government is taking to resolve delays in port clearances, customs processes or cargo evacuation, etc?**

Reply: **(a)** to **(d)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. The issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 456,regarding Exports Testing Facilities.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2025-COORD (C.No.31900) dated 20.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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F. No.12-22011/2/2025-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date: 20.03.2026

To,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 456 regarding **Export Testing Facilities** answer on 24.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 19.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has received representations from the State and exporters, including seafood exporter, regarding shortages of export testing facilities required to ensure products meeting international standards and prevent shipment rejections, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for such shortage and the measures taken to increase such export testing facilities;

(c) whether the Government has received representations from Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and textiles sector, regarding prices of domestic raw materials remaining 15-20 per cent higher than international prices, if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such disparity and the measures taken to ensure price competitiveness;

Reply: (a) to **(c)-** No information is available with this Directorate.

(d) whether the Government has received representations regarding shipping line levies for empty containers and shortage of shipping containers, including thee tea sector, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the measures taken to ensure availability of shipping containers at competitive prices?

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Reply: Yes, one VIP reference has been received in this Directorate regarding shipping line levies for empty containers and shortage of shipping containers, including the tea sector.

As per the input received from the Container Shipping Line Association (CSLA), the decline in tea exports from ICD Amingaon has been due to operational and market factors, including increased domestic consumption and reduced global demand for Assam Tea. Exporters have increasingly shifted to Kolkata, where multiple shipping lines provide competitive freight options.

The representation received from the Tea Association, primarily on behalf of M/s McLeod Russel, relates to relief in empty container repositioning tariffs. CSLA has indicated that revival of tea exports from ICD Amingaon would depend on tariff concessions by CONCOR and concerned Port authorities, as shipping lines are constrained in absorbing such costs independently.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

20/05/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. 17784 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding 'Development of Green Ports and Maritime Infrastructure'.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 20.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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Date: 20.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. 17784 regarding "**Development of Green Ports and Maritime Infrastructure**" answer on 27.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 17.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the details of initiatives undertaken under Maritime India Vision 2030 and the Harit Sagar Green Port Guidelines for development of green ports and sustainable maritime infrastructure in the country;

(b) the number of major and non-major ports that have adopted renewable energy, shore-to-ship power supply, green hydrogen or other clean energy initiatives, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has approved any new port modernization, coastal shipping or green shipping corridor projects during the last two years and the details thereof; and

(d) the details of targets set under Maritime India Vision 2030 for reducing carbon emissions and improving energy efficiency in the port sector?

Reply: (a) to **(d)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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MOST IMMEDIATE - Rajya Sabha admitted question no. 3680 on" Progress of port modernisation and logistics efficiency" for 24.03.2026

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS- Part(1) (C.No.29901) दिनांक 20.03.2026 सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 2-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS- Part(1) (C.No.29901) dated 20.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।
D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

2 Attachment(s)

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RS PQ No.3680 ans 24.03.20... 17.2 KB

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS-Part(1) (29901)

Date: 20.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Sub: Rajya Sabha Admitted Question No.3680 on "Progress of port modernization and logistics efficiency" answer on 24.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 18.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) **whether Government has assessed the progress of port modernization and logistics efficiency during the last three years;**

(b) **if so, the details thereof;**

Reply: (a) and **(b)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

(c) **whether any measures are being undertaken to strengthen coastal shipping and inland waterways; and**

Reply: The Government of India is undertaking a comprehensive set of initiatives to strengthen coastal shipping and inland waterways as part of a broader strategy to promote environmentally sustainable, energy-efficient, and cost-competitive cargo movement across the country:

(i) Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme (CCPS) announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 to improve the modal shift of cargo to Coastal route.

(ii) Operationalisation of 20 new National Waterways over the next five years.

(iii) Revocation of General Orders 1, 2, and 3 of 2018 to strengthen domestic tonnage and enhance the competitiveness of Indian shipping operators.

(d) **the steps taken to improve India's competitiveness in global maritime trade?**

Reply : No information is available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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दिनांक 25.03.2026 के लिए लोक सभा में उत्तर देने हेतु तारांकित/अतारांकित प्रश्न डायरी सं. 17456 and Question Number- 5407

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 2-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) dated 23.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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F.No.12-22011/1/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.29880) Date: 23.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 17456 for answer on 25.03.2026 regarding **"Index of Industrial Production"**.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 20.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the details of Index of Industrial Production since the last three years, Month and sector wise;

(b) the details of IIP of January, 2026 across sectors of manufacturing, mining, electricity and consumer;

(c) the details of difference from Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP);

(d) the details of steps taken to ensure the improvement of industrial production; and

(e) the details of measures taken to address supply chain disruptions?

Reply: (a) to **(e)** – No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

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सेवा में,

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विषय: लोकसभा अतारांकित प्रश्न Dy. No. 17456, दिनांक 25.03.2026 को उत्तर हेतु, विषय "औद्योगिक उत्पादन निर्देशिका" के संबंध में।

महोदय,

मुझे उपर्युक्त विषय पर बंदरगाह, नौवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय के दिनांक 20.03.2026 के ईमेल और उसके साथ संलग्न दस्तावेजों का संदर्भ देने का निर्देश प्राप्त हुआ है। इस संबंध में, निदेशालय की ओर से जानकारी (इनपुट) निम्नानुसार है:

(a) पिछले तीन वर्षों से औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक का विवरण (महीने और क्षेत्रवार);

(b) जनवरी, 2026 के IIP (औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक) का विवरण - विनिर्माण, खनन, बिजली और उपभोक्ता क्षेत्रों के अनुसार;

(c) सकल घरेलू उत्पाद (GDP) और औद्योगिक उत्पादन सूचकांक (IIP) के बीच अंतर का विवरण;

(d) औद्योगिक उत्पादन में सुधार सुनिश्चित करने हेतु उठाए गए कदमों का विवरण; और

(e) आपूर्ति श्रृंखला में आने वाली बाधाओं को दूर करने हेतु उठाए गए उपायों का विवरण?

उत्तर: (a) से (e) - इस निदेशालय के पास कोई जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है।

2. यह सक्षम प्राधिकारी के अनुमोदन से जारी किया जाता है।

भवदीय,

(संदीप अवस्थी)
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Lok Sabha Admitted Question No. 5557 for Answer on 27/03/2026 regarding Welfare of Seafarers.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (Part-1) (C.No.35557) dated 23.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Diary No.: 5557 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Welfare of Seafarers" -reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 23.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of reports that several Indian-flagged merchant vessels and over a thousand Indian seafarers are stranded in the Persian Gulf due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, the Government has taken note of reports regarding Indian-flagged merchant vessels and Indian seafarers operating in the Persian Gulf region in view of the evolving security situation in West Asia. Indian missions in the region and the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) are closely monitoring the situation. Continuous communication is being maintained with shipping companies and Indian seafarers to assess their safety and operational status.

(b) whether incidents linked to the conflict have resulted in casualties among Indian seafarers serving on foreign-flagged vessels, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, details are as follows;

Sr. No.	Name of Vessel	Date of the Incident	Details of Casualties	Details of Missing seafarers	Details of Injured persons	Updated remarks
01	LCT Ayeh (Flag – UAE)	28.02.2026	NIL	NIL	01 - Shri Ashish Santosh, AB	Seafarer still in hospital and recovering.

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02	MT SKYLIGHT (Flag :Palau)	01.03.2026	01 (Ashish kumar, Master or Dalip, Oiler)	01 (Ashish kumar, Master or Dalip, Oiler)	01 - Pramod Kumar Yadav, CE	1. All injured recovered and out from hospital. 2. The MRCC team have recovered remains of the human body from the Master cabin and taken to Muscat Hospital. Waiting for the family members to fly to Muscat for DNA verification.
03	MT MKD Vyom (Flag – Marshall Islands)	01.03.2026	01 (Dixit Solanki)	NIL	NIL	Shri Dixit Solanki, Oiler mortal remains recovered from the vessel. The vessel arrived under tow from Gulf of Oman to Kalba port, UAE. Local formalities are underway.
04	Tug Mussafah 2	06.03.2026	NIL	NIL	**02** (Mr Rajendra Mohan Das and Mr Arpan Sasmal)	Both Indian crews sustained burn injuries during the attack and are presently under medical treatment at Khasab hospital (likely to remain admitted for about 10 days).
05	MT Safesea Vishnu (Flag: Marshall Islands)	12.03.2026	01 (Deo Nandan prasad Singh)	NIL	NIL	The mortal remains of Shri Deonandan Prasad Singh are currently kept in a hospital in Iraq. Upon repatriation to India, the remains will be handed over to the next of kin.
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(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the safety, communication and possible evacuation of Indian seafarers operating in the region, if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping has initiated several measures to ensure the safety, communication, and preparedness of Indian seafarers operating in the region, which include:

Action taken by DGS for safety and security of Seafarers and vessels in the conflict region

Advisories Issued

(i) **Advisory 01/2026 (14.01.2026):**
- Avoid deployment of Indian seafarers to Iran.
- Follow MEA and Embassy advisories strictly.
- Exercise caution in high-risk areas like the Strait of Hormuz.
- Limit shore movement and follow local safety protocols.
- Facilitate safe departure and monitor only official updates.
- 24×7 emergency contact mechanism activated.

(ii) **Advisory 08/2026 (28.02.2026):**
- Enhanced vigilance and security drills (including drone/missile threats).
- Voyage-specific risk assessments mandatory.
- Strict reporting to DGComm Centre and IFC-IOR.
- Implementation of Ship Security Plans and SSAS testing.

(iii)**Advisory 09/2026 (28.02.2026):**
- Registration of seafarers with Embassy of India, Tehran.
- Submission of seafarer details to DGS.
- Coordination for safe repatriation.
- Continued monitoring of official updates.

(iv)**Advisory 10/2026:**
- 24×7 watchkeeping and reporting of suspicious activities.
- Emergency contact systems for seafarers and families.
- Psychological counselling support.
- Close liaison with Indian Missions.

(v) **Advisory 11/2026 (Social Media):**
- Avoid spreading unverified information.
- Share only official, authenticated updates to prevent panic.

(vi)**Advisory 14/2026:**
- Ensure fair trade practices in shipping.
- Avoid predatory pricing and hidden charges.
- Promote transparency in EXIM logistics.

Institutional Measures :

i. The Government is aware of the evolving security situation in the Persian Gulf and its impact on Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers operating in the region. As per available information, at present, 24 Indian-flagged vessels with about 611 Indian seafarers onboard are operating in the Gulf region. In addition, approximately 23,000 Indian seafarers are

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working across merchant, harbour and offshore vessels in various Gulf countries, including around 1,150 seafarers in Iran.

ii. Incidents linked to the ongoing conflict have resulted in casualties among Indian seafarers. So far, three Indian seafarers have been reported deceased and one remains missing. Additionally, four seafarers sustained injuries, of whom two have been discharged and two are under treatment. The mortal remains of the deceased are in the process of being repatriated in coordination with concerned authorities.

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(d) whether the Government is coordinating with naval and international authorities to secure safe passage for Indian ships and crew in affected maritime routes, if so, the details thereof?

Reply: Yes, the Government is actively coordinating with naval and international authorities to ensure the safety and security of Indian ships and crew in affected maritime routes. Information-sharing mechanisms have been strengthened, and close liaison is being maintained with maritime security agencies, including the Indian Navy and international coordination centres such as IFC-IOR, to facilitate safe passage and respond promptly to any emerging threats.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION//Lok Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question: Diary No.: 17816 for Answer on 27/03/2026 regarding Welfare of Seafarers.

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F. No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (Part-1) (C.No.35557) Date: 23.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Diary No.: 17816 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Welfare of Seafarers" -reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 20.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of reports that several Indian-flagged merchant vessels and over a thousand Indian seafarers are stranded in the Persian Gulf due to the ongoing conflict in West Asia, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, the Government has taken note of reports regarding Indian-flagged merchant vessels and Indian seafarers operating in the Persian Gulf region in view of the evolving security situation in West Asia. Indian missions in the region and the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) are closely monitoring the situation. Continuous communication is being maintained with shipping companies and Indian seafarers to assess their safety and operational status.

(b) whether incidents linked to the conflict have resulted in casualties among Indian seafarers serving on foreign-flagged vessels, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: Yes, details are as follows;

Sr. No.	Name of Vessel	Date of the Incident	Details of Casualties	Details of Missing seafarers	Details of Injured persons	Updated remarks
01	LCT Ayeh (Flag – UAE)	28.02.2026	NIL	NIL	01 - Shri Ashish Santosh, AB	Seafarer still in hospital and recovering.

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02	MT SKYLIGHT (Flag :Palau)	01.03.2026	01 (Ashish kumar, Master or Dalip, Oiler)	01 (Ashish kumar, Master or Dalip, Oiler)	01 - Pramod Kumar Yadav, CE	1. All injured recovered and out from hospital. 2. The MRCC team have recovered remains of the human body from the Master cabin and taken to Muscat Hospital. Waiting for the family members to fly to Muscat for DNA verification.
03	MT MKD Vyom (Flag – Marshall Islands)	01.03.2026	01 (Dixit Solanki)	NIL	NIL	Shri Dixit Solanki, Oiler mortal remains recovered from the vessel. The vessel arrived under tow from Gulf of Oman to Kalba port, UAE. Local formalities are underway.
04	Tug Mussafah 2	06.03.2026	NIL	NIL	**02** (Mr Rajendra Mohan Das and Mr Arpan Sasmal)	Both Indian crews sustained burn injuries during the attack and are presently under medical treatment at Khasab hospital (likely to remain admitted for about 10 days).
05	MT Safesea Vishnu (Flag: Marshall Islands)	12.03.2026	01 (Deo Nandan prasad Singh)	NIL	NIL	The mortal remains of Shri Deonandan Prasad Singh are currently kept in a hospital in Iraq. Upon repatriation to India, the remains will be handed over to the next of kin.
Total			03	01	04	

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(c) the measures taken by the Government to ensure the safety, communication and possible evacuation of Indian seafarers operating in the region, if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping has initiated several measures to ensure the safety, communication, and preparedness of Indian seafarers operating in the region, which include:

Action taken by DGS for safety and security of Seafarers and vessels in the conflict region

Advisories Issued

(i) **Advisory 01/2026 (14.01.2026):**
- Avoid deployment of Indian seafarers to Iran.
- Follow MEA and Embassy advisories strictly.
- Exercise caution in high-risk areas like the Strait of Hormuz.
- Limit shore movement and follow local safety protocols.
- Facilitate safe departure and monitor only official updates.
- 24×7 emergency contact mechanism activated.

(ii) **Advisory 08/2026 (28.02.2026):**
- Enhanced vigilance and security drills (including drone/missile threats).
- Voyage-specific risk assessments mandatory.
- Strict reporting to DGComm Centre and IFC-IOR.
- Implementation of Ship Security Plans and SSAS testing.

(iii)**Advisory 09/2026 (28.02.2026):**
- Registration of seafarers with Embassy of India, Tehran.
- Submission of seafarer details to DGS.
- Coordination for safe repatriation.
- Continued monitoring of official updates.

(iv)**Advisory 10/2026:**
- 24×7 watchkeeping and reporting of suspicious activities.
- Emergency contact systems for seafarers and families.
- Psychological counselling support.
- Close liaison with Indian Missions.

(v) **Advisory 11/2026 (Social Media):**
- Avoid spreading unverified information.
- Share only official, authenticated updates to prevent panic.

(vi)**Advisory 14/2026:**
- Ensure fair trade practices in shipping.
- Avoid predatory pricing and hidden charges.
- Promote transparency in EXIM logistics.

Institutional Measures :

i. The Government is aware of the evolving security situation in the Persian Gulf and its impact on Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers operating in the region. As per available information, at present, 24 Indian-flagged vessels with about 611 Indian seafarers onboard are operating in the Gulf region. In addition, approximately 23,000 Indian seafarers are

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Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 16057 regarding "Shipbuilding Capacity" to be replied on 27.03.2026 -reg.

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Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 16057 regarding "Shipbuilding Capacity" to be replied on 27.03.2026

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey into expanding shipbuilding capacity of the country;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) **If so, the details regarding the total shipbuilding capacity of the country at present and total number of vessels constructed/ manufactured during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;**

Reply: As per the data, obtained from Shipyard Association of India and various shipyards, the present shipbuilding capacity of the country is estimated to be around 0.68 Million Gross tonnage.

The details on total number of vessels constructed/ manufactured during the last five years is (State-wise) is as follows.

FY 2021-22	
State	**No. of Vessel Constructed**
Goa	**9**
Gujarat	**7**
Kerala	**1**

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FY 2022-23	
State	No. of Vessel Constructed
Goa	10
Gujarat	3
Kerala	9
West Bengal	1

FY 2023-24	
State	No. of Vessel Constructed
Goa	17
Gujarat	11
Karnataka	2
Kerala	8
West Bengal	17

FY 2024-25	
State	No. of Vessel Constructed
Andhra Pradesh	1
Goa	724
Gujarat	11
Karnataka	2
West Bengal	7

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FY 2025-26	
State	No. of Vessel Constructed
Andhra Pradesh	2
Goa	12
Gujarat	1
Karnataka	4
West Bengal	6

(c) the steps taken to increase shipbuilding in the country including list of schemes, initiatives and projects undertaken during the last five years; and

Reply: The domestic shipbuilding ecosystem is undergoing a multi-phased restructuring guided by Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047. This modernization effort is supported by a Cabinet-approved package of ₹69,725 crore designed to improve global competitiveness and scale up the manufacturing of indigenous components. The details of Schemes and initiatives are as follows.

i) Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS): This scheme serves as a primary catalyst for local production with a corpus of ₹24,736 crore. It requires a minimum of 30% domestic content for eligibility. The Scheme is effective from April 1, 2016, and March 31, 2026, which has been further extended up to March 31, 2036 to help domestic yards overcome operational cost disadvantages and secure more orders.

ii) Infrastructure Status: Ships and shipyards have been granted infrastructure status, allowing firms to access long-term project loans at lower interest rates and for tenures matching the asset's economic life. This status also enables the issuance of infrastructure bonds for working capital and provides tax benefits.

iii) Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS): The initiative focuses on building physical infrastructure and critical skills in heavy engineering. It aims to increase India's commercial shipbuilding capacity to roughly 4.5 million GT per year by 2047.

iv) Revised Right of First Refusal (RoFR): The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has rationalized tender hierarchies to give the highest priority to vessels that are Indian-built, Indian-flagged, and Indian-owned. This is intended to encourage domestic registration and boost employment.

v) Government Tender Guidelines: For any vessel acquisition by government departments or PSUs, qualified Indian shipyards hold a Right of First Refusal to match the lowest price offered by foreign competitors.

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vi) Make in India Compliance: Government entities involved in ship-owning and building must ensure local content levels align with the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017.

vii) Standard Tug Designs: The government has released five standard variants for tugs. To drive domestic demand, all Major Ports have been directed to procure or charter tugboats that are manufactured in India.

(d) the list of collaborations undertaken with foreign entities to help boost shipbuilding capacity of the country during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise?

Reply: As per the available details with the Ministry, SPV has already been formed between V.O. Chidambaranar (VOC) Port Authority and the SIPCOT, Govt. of Tamil Nadu which has partnered with M/s. HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering Co. Ltd., to develop a mega shipbuilding cluster in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu. The Special Purpose Vehicle is incorporated as National Shipbuilding & Heavy Industries Park, Tamil Nadu (NSHIP TN).

[Background of issue/ Not a part of PQ]

In order to boost the country's shipbuilding capacity and achieve the goals of Maritime India Vision 2030, the government and domestic shipyards are encouraged to enter into collaborations/ joint ventures with foreign entities under Shipbuilding Development Scheme.

The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) has been introduced by the Government of India under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with the objective of promoting the development of the domestic shipbuilding industry and strengthening India's maritime industrial ecosystem. The scheme forms part of the Government's broader strategy under Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, which aim to position India among the leading global shipbuilding nations and significantly enhance indigenous shipbuilding capacity.

Under the proposed model, the development of greenfield shipbuilding clusters will be undertaken through a **Special Purpose Vehicle** (SPV) structure involving participation of the Central Government or any of its agencies, State Government or any of its agencies, and private sector stakeholders. The State Governments will primarily facilitate land availability, external connectivity, utilities, and local infrastructure, while the Central Government will support the development of common maritime infrastructure required for shipbuilding activities such as dry docks, fabrication facilities, heavy lifting infrastructure, and other core shipyard assets. The clusters are intended to function as comprehensive industrial hubs, enabling co-location of shipbuilding yards, marine equipment manufacturing units, logistics facilities, and research and innovation centres. The model also emphasizes integration with skill development

institutions and training facilities to ensure availability of a skilled workforce to support large-scale shipbuilding operations.

With regard to the funding pattern, the scheme envisages financial support from the Central Government for the development of common infrastructure within the clusters, while the remaining investment will be mobilized through State Government contributions and private sector

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participation under the SPV framework. The funding structure is designed to leverage both public and private investment in order to accelerate infrastructure development and enhance overall project viability.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Most Urgent / Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 17731 for be answered on 27.03.2026 regarding - Requirements of Insurance for vessels.

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Subject: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question **Dy. No. 17731** for be answered on 27.03.2026 regarding "Requirements of Insurance for vessels" -reg.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 17.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the "**Requirements of Insurance for vessels**" pertaining to this Directorate are as below:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the operational challenges faced by foreign flag vessels below three hundred Gross Tonnage (GRT) at ports of the country in Tamil Nadu, State-wise, specifically at Tuticorin Port, regarding Protection & Indemnity (P&I) insurance requirements, if so, the details thereof;

Reply: The details sought are not available with this Directorate. The same may be sought from Tuticorin Port.

(b) **whether Rule 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Regulation of Entry of Ships into Ports, Anchorages and Offshore Facilities) Rules, 2012 and the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, restrict mandatory insurance requirements to vessels of three hundred GRT and above, if so, the details thereof;**

Reply: As per Rule 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Regulation of Entry of Ships into Ports, Anchorages and Offshore Facilities) Rules, 2012, vessels of 300 Gross Tonnage (GT) and above are required to mandatorily maintain valid Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance coverage in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework.

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(c) whether the port authorities are reportedly denying entry to vessels below the said GRT if their P&I insurance is not from a DG Shipping-recognized provider, despite the aforementioned statutory thresholds, if so, the details thereof; and

Reply: The Directorate is not currently in receipt of any such reports.

(d) whether the Government intends to issue a clarification to ensure that essential trade routes, such as the transport of food supplies to the Maldives, are not disrupted by the said enforcement ambiguities, if so, the details thereof?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

Yours faithfully,

24/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5663 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Development of Green Ports and Maritime Infrastructure".

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) दिनांक 24.03.2026 dated 24.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/2/2021-COORD - DGS (C.No. 9044)

Date:24.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Parliament Question: Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5663 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding- "Development of Green Ports and Maritime Infrastructure".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 23.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) the impact of the "Harit Sagar" Green Port Guidelines on reducing the carbon intensity of major ports per tonne of cargo handled during the last two years;

(b) the progress made under the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) in replacing conventional diesel-powered harbor tugs with hybrid and electric alternatives;

(c) the latest details of the ports including the three major ports- Deendayal, Paradip, and V.O. Chidambaranar- being developed as dedicated Green Hydrogen/Ammonia hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission;

(d) the status of the "Shore-to-Ship Power" (S2SP) facilities at major ports, including Mangaluru and the mandatory targets set for foreign and domestic vessels to use shore power while at berth;

Reply: (a) to (d) No information is available with this Directorate.

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(e) the incentives provided to shipyards for becoming compliant with the Hong Kong Convention on environmentally sound ship recycling by 2026; and

Reply: Incentives are extended to ship recycling yards for achieving compliance with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships through the Ferrous Scrap Development Fund (FSDF), with the approval of the Ship Breaking Scrap Committee under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Incentives amounting to Rs. 53.59 crore have been provided to 109 ship recycling plots through the Ferrous Scrap Development Fund (FSDF) up to 2026.

(f) whether there are any plans to include Mangaluru port in National green hydrogen mission?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

24/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 17769 on "Revitalization of Shipbuilding and Maritime Sector" to be replied on 27.03.2026.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 24.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,

नौवहन महानिदेशालय, भारत सरकार, मुंबई।

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2024-COORD - DGS (31900) Date:24.03.2026

To,
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Parliament Question: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 17769 on "Revitalization of Shipbuilding and Maritime Sector" to be replied on 27.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 18.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government has approved rs.69,725 crore package to revitalize shipbuilding and maritime sector of the country through a four-pillar strategy, targeting 30 lakh jobs and rs.4.5 lakh crore in investments; and

Reply: Yes, the Government has approved ₹ 69,725 crore package to revitalize shipbuilding and maritime sector of the country through a four-pillar strategy. sss

(b) if so, the details of plan and action taken/propose to be taken towards geopolitical resilience and strategic self-reliance of the country and positioning India as a competitive force in global shipping and shipbuilding with employment scope thereof?

Reply: Under the frameworks of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, a multi-phased restructuring of the domestic shipbuilding ecosystem is currently underway to modernize the sector. The transition is backed by a ₹69,725 crore Cabinet-approved package intended to scale up the indigenous component manufacturing and enhance global competitiveness. The revitalization and extension of the Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme up to FY 2036, backed by a ₹24,736 crore corpus, serves as a major catalyst for local manufacturing. By mandating a minimum of 30% domestic content to qualify for benefits, the scheme effectively incentivizes shipyards to prioritize indigenous components.

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The Initiatives taken by the Ministry for developing shipbuilding industry to achieve its strategic goals under Maritime India Vision 2030 and beyond are as follows: -

i) Government is providing Ship building financial assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis Foreign Shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts shipbuilding contracts signed during the dates, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.

Further, SBFAS (Shipbuilding financial assistance scheme) is a continuation of the SBFAP (expiring on 31 Mar 2026) that focuses on providing direct financial assistance to enable Indian shipyards to secure orders by overcoming the operational cost disadvantages faced by the Indian shipbuilders vis-à-vis foreign yards and is effective from 24 Sep 2025 to 31 Mar 2036.

ii) The Shipbuilding Development Scheme (SbDS) is expected to boost domestic capacity and indigenous shipbuilding activity significantly by creation of physical infrastructure as well as critical skills in shipbuilding and heavy engineering. India's commercial shipbuilding capacity is expected to increase to approximately 4.5 million GT per annum by 2047.

iii) To promote domestic shipbuilding, the Ministry of Ports, shipping and Waterways has revised the hierarchy of Right of First Refusal (RoFR) to be followed for all kind of tender. As per this Circular, Indian built, Indian flagged & Indian owned vessel have been given the highest priority. This is aimed to attract the entities/entrepreneurs to build vessels in Indian shipyard and get them registered under Indian flag. This measure will not only promote tonnage under Indian flag but also promote domestic shipyards and will boost employment opportunities for work force engaged in ship building sector.

iv) The government has also granted infrastructure status to the ships and shipyards, which enables shipbuilding firms to avail flexible structuring of long-term project loans at lower rates of interest for longer tenure equivalent to the economic life of their assets. They will also be able to issue infrastructure bonds for meeting working capital requirements and get tax benefits which will increase domestic shipbuilding activities.

v) Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s) used by them for Governmental purposes or for their own use. Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a "Right of first refusal" to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

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vi) To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017.

vii) The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards. This is also aimed to increase domestic shipbuilding. In addition, Govt. has directed all major ports to procure or charter tugboats which are only made in India.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

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(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Lok Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 5599 to be answered on 27.03.2026 regarding Promotion of Maritime Heritage and Culture.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) dated 25.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS (C.No.31900) Date:25.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Lok Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 5599 to be answered on 27.03.2026 regarding "**Promotion of Maritime Heritage and Culture**".

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 23.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a) whether the Government is Promoting maritime heritage and culture to raise awareness about shipping history of the country, State-wise including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh. if so, the details thereof;

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

(b) the objectives of such initiatives in fostering interest in maritime careers and marine industries;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) does not undertake any initiatives dedicated to maritime heritage and culture.

However, DGS actively promotes maritime career awareness through structured outreach programmes in school and colleges. The initiatives are supported through collaborations with the private event management firm 3BEES Research Foundation, targeted Social-media awareness campaigns, and seminars and workshops conducted by DGS-approved Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) in schools and colleges. Collectively, these efforts aim to increase awareness, strengthen student engagement, and develop a skilled workforce for the Merchant Navy and the broader maritime sector.

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(c) whether any assessments have been made on benefits for local communities, tourism and skill development, if so, the details thereof and if not' the reasons therefor;

Reply: While there is no direct assessment mechanism in place, the impact of the initiatives is reflected in the steady increase in student admissions. Enrolments in pre-sea courses have risen consistently from 16,990 in 2023 to 17,800 in 2024, and further to 18,606 in 2025, indicating growing interest in maritime training programmes.

(d) the mechanisms put in place to monitor the effectiveness of maritime awareness programmes; and

Reply: The outreach programmes engaged 9,798 students (4,532 females and 5,266 males), reflecting broad and balanced participation. Engagement levels were strong, with 2,890 interactions during student Q&A sessions and 1,583 structured student feedback responses, indicating active interest. A further 479 post-event student responses and 83 parental responses highlighted wider stakeholder involvement. Overall, the data reflects substantial reach, meaningful interaction, and positive engagement across students, institutions, and parents.

(e) the expected impact on industry participation' heritage conservation and economic opportunities in coastal regions of the country?

Reply: No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

25/03/26

(Sandeep Awasthi)
Assistant Director General of Shipping

Top Priority: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy. Question No. S801 for Answer on 30/03/2026 regarding Safety measures in Petroleum Transportation.

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2024-COORD-DGS Part(1) (C.No.35557) dated 26.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 12-22011/2/2024-COORD - DGS-Part(1) (35557) Date: 26.03.2026

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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Rajya Sabha Starred/Unstarred Dy. Question No. S801 for Answer on 30/03/2026 regarding Safety measures in Petroleum Transportation.

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 24.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) the number of accidents reported during transportation of petroleum products during last three years;

Reply: The Directorate General of Shipping is not the relevant authority to provide data of the number of accidents reported **during transportation of petroleum products**. As far as transportation of petroleum products in ships are concerned, there are no reported accidents in the last three years. The matter may be further pursued with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, its subordinate offices, Oil receiving Public Sector Undertakings and Private Oil receivers.

(b) whether the Government has conducted any safety audits of petroleum storage depots and refineries; and

(c) the measures been taken to enhance safety standards in transportation and storage of petroleum products?

Reply: (b) & (c) - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Awasthi)
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Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Starred Diary No.: 15577 for answer on 27.03.2026 regarding "Impact of West Asia Conflict on India".

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महोदय / Sir,

उपरोक्त विषय पर नौवहन महानिदेशालय का पत्र सं0 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) दिनांक 25.03.2026 सूचना एवं उचित कार्रवाई हेतु संलग्न किया गया है।

Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) dated 25.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,

समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,

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D.G. Shipping, GoI, Mumbai.

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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No.12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.8334) Date: 25.03.2026

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary to the Government of India]

Sub: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha starred Dy. No. 15577 regarding **"Impact of West Asia Conflict on India"** answer on 27.03.2026.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway's email dated 20.03.2026 along with its enclosures on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below.

(a): whether the Government has assessed the macro-economic impact of the ongoing conflict in West Asia including enhanced insurance costs for maritime transport, disruption in aviation services and the possibility of spread of instability in the region;

(b): if so, the details of the talks proceeded with international partners and regional organisations to monitor developments affecting trade, transport and energy flows; and

(c): the initiatives proposed by the Government to adopt a balanced diplomatic approach aimed at boosting dialogue and reducing tensions while safeguarding India's long-term strategic interests along with strengthen India's supply chain resilience against geopolitical disruptions?

Reply: (a) to **(c)** No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

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Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No. 16225 scheduled for answer on 30.03.2026 regarding "Public Capital Expenditure Support for Infrastructure Growth"

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Please find attached herewith D.G. Shipping letter 12-22011/2/2021-COORD-DGS (C.No.9044) dated 26.03.2026 for kind information and appropriate action.

सादर/ Best Regards,
समन्वय अनुभाग/ Coordination Branch,
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[Kind Attn.: Shri Manish Kumar Yadav, Under Secretary (MA Section)]

Subject: Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No. 16225 scheduled for answer on 30.03.2026 regarding "Public Capital Expenditure Support for Infrastructure Growth".

Sir

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's email dated 25.03.2026 along with its enclosure on the above subject. In this regard, the inputs of the Directorate are as below:

(a) the manner in which Rs. 12.2 lakh crore Public Capex proposed in the FY 2026-27 is likely to support infrastructure-led economic growth in the current fiscal across the country, including the likely benefits for regions such as the Nabarangput Lok Sabha Constituency in Odisha and the total funds allocated for aspirational districts like Dahod in Gujarat;

(b) the specific impact of the revised Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Consumer Price Index (CPI) series on measuring India's post-pandemic economic recovery;

(c) whether the Government is likely to achieve the nominal GDP growth estimate of 10 per cent for the year 2026-27, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the Infrastructure Risk Guarantee Fund is incentivising private developers to participate in large-scale national infrastructure projects, including those benefitting the Nabarangpur Lok Sabha Constituency in Odisha?

Reply: (a) to **(d)** - No information is available with this Directorate.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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