

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1541
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DIVERSIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES OF SCI
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the National and International areas in which Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is operating its shipping business at present;
- (b) whether SCI has a proposal to diversify its activities; and
- (c) if so, the details of the programme drawn up in this regard for Tenth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): In the International arena, the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) presently operates Bulk Carrier/Tanker/Liner/Specialised Vessels/Offshore Services and Ship Management Services. In the National arena, SCI is operating passenger-cum-cargo services between the Mainland and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands, as also Inter-Island services in these regions. .

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. SCI is continuously striving to diversify into new areas such as LPG Carriers, Offshore Supply Vessels, Chemical Carriers etc. SCI has bid jointly with a foreign partner for Indian Oil Corporation's tender for installing and operating a Floating Storage and Offloading Unit at Sandheads and has plans to form more joint ventures to acquire and operate LNG Carriers.