

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has purchased two new ships from South Korea;
- (b) if so, whether the delivery of these ships have been taken;
- (c) if so, the cost thereof;
- (d) the extent to which these ships will increase the tonnage capacity of the SCI;
- (e) whether the SCI propose to acquire more ships; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the cost thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

- (a) The SCI in January, 2002 has placed orders for building of 2 Nos. LR-II Size Crude Oil Tankers at M/s. Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering Company, South Korea.
- (b) The vessels would be delivered in February and May 2004.
- (c) The cost of the vessels are US \$ 48.70 million per vessel.
- (d) The vessels are of 146, 860 Deadweight tonnes(DWT) each and the addition of these ships would add about 2.93 lakh DWT to SCI fleet.
- (e) Yes, Sir. The SCI has planned to acquire more ships during 2003-04.
- (f) Presently, SCI has signed an Memorandum of Understanding(MOU) with Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Kochi for the construction of a 110,000 Deadweight tonnes Aframax Crude Oil Tanker at a cost of US \$ 34.70 million. Further, the company has also proposed to acquire two Very Large Crude Carriers(VLCCs) at a cost of US \$ 65.20 million per vessel from South Korea.