

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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AGEING SHIPS OF SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ships with the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) at present;
- (b) whether most of these ships are ageing;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to overcome this problem?

Answer

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

(a) As on 24.4.2003 SCI has a fleet of 86 vessels of 2.53 million GT (4.32 million DWT) and one ship on lease of 16,834 GT (26.174 dwt).

(b)&(c): No, Sir. As per the age norms of Govt. of India, the effective life of the vessels of various kinds is between 20-30 years. The age profile of SCI vessels is as under:-

<5 Years 5-10 Years 10-15 Years 15-20 Years 20 Years> Total

7 11 12 40 17 87

The following is the List of vessels of over 20 years of age.

S.No. Vessel Name Category Year Built

1. Ramanujam Passenger/Cargo 1972
2. N.S. Bose Crude Oil Carrier 1973
3. Harshavardhana Passenger/Cargo 1974
4. Vivekananda Crude Oil Carrier 1974
5. C.P. Shivaji Crude Oil Carrier 1974
6. B.R. Ambedkar Crude Oil Carrier 1974
- 7 Satyamarti Crude Oil Carrier 1975
8. Lokmanya Tilak Crude Oil Carrier 1975
9. Rajendra Prasad Crude Oil Carrier 1975
10. Maharshi Karve OBO 1978
11. State of Nagaland General Cargo 1978
12. Vishva Kaumudi General Cargo 1980
13. Rani Padmini Dry Bulk Carrier 1981

14. C.V. Raman Crude Oil Carrier 1981
15. Jhulelal Product Carrier 1981
16. Basaveshwara Product Carrier 1982
17. Homi Bhabha Crude Oil Carrier 1982

(d) For replacing the some of the above ageing tankers, SCI has on order the following crude oil tankers:-

(i) 3 Nos. Newbuilding Aframax size crude oil tankers on Hyundai Shipyard, South Korea. One of these tankers was being delivered on 25.4.2003 and delivery dates for the other two vessels are to be delivered in May 2003 and August 2003 respectively.

(ii) 2 Nos. Newbuilding Suezmax size crude oil tankers on Daewoo Shipyard, South Korea and these tankers are to be delivered in February 2004 and May 2004 respectively.

Apart from the above, SCI has also planned to acquire two newbuilding very large size crude oil carriers (VLCCs) and one newbuilding aframax size crude carrier to replace the above ageing tankers.