

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF INDEPENDENT SHIPPING LINE
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lack of adequate shipping facilities in the country; and
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for the development of independent shipping line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Government have been taking all possible measures to provide adequate shipping facilities in the country. Some of the important measures taken by the Government are as follows :

- (i) Introduction of Automatic Approval for acquisition of ships.
- (ii) Committee for Slotting of ship repair, which used to decide about the yards where ships were required to be repaired, has been abolished. It has been left to the shipowners to decide the yard for repairs based on their commercial judgement.
- (iii) Shipping Companies have been permitted to retain sale proceeds of Indian ships abroad for fresh acquisition.
- (iv) Freedom to time charter out Indian ships to foreign companies for employment in international cross trade by Indian shipping companies.
- (v) Allowing shipping companies to acquire vessels on Bareboat charter-cum-demise method (similar to hire purchase system).
- (vi) Age norms for acquisition of second hand vessels have been relaxed.
- (vii) Procedure for acquisition of second hand /new ships further simplified.