

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS THROUGH SEA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the share of shipping industries in transporting goods is declining in spite of growth of import and export in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total number of cargo and passenger ships owned by SCI alongwith the names of the ships and their status as cargo or passenger separately;
- (d) the destinations from where the ships are operated, port-wise;
- (e) whether most of the existing vessels may be retrieved by 2021;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps that have been taken or proposed to be taken to improve the condition of shipping industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The share across various modes of transport is dependent on a host of factors including growth of trade, composition of trade, freight rates, geographical origin and destination etc. However, a large proportion of the trade in high value goods like gems & jewellery, precious metals, electronics items and high-fashion apparel is carried by air.

(c): The total number of ships owned by Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is 79, which includes 67 cargo ships, 10 Offshore Supply Vessels and 2 passenger cum cargo ships.

The name of the ships and the type of cargo they carry are attached at Annex-I.

(d): SCI's vessels ply globally catering to Indian overseas as well as coastal trade and also international cross trade. The ports called by the vessels are decided upon the requirements of the trade segments in which the vessels are operated.

(e) & (f): As far as SCI is concerned, by 2021 around 45% of the present fleet is expected to be phased out.

(g): The Government has been taking various measures from time to time to improve the growth of Indian tonnage. These include:

(i) The acquisition of vessels has been brought under Open General Licence. The shipowners are free to decide on type of ships to be acquired and their area of operation etc.

(ii) 100% Foreign Direct Investment is permitted in Shipping Sector.

(iii) Rate of depreciation has been increased from 20% to 25%.

(iv) Tonnage Tax has been introduced from 2004-05 whereby in the matter of taxation a level playing field has been given to Indian Shipping Industry vis-À-vis international shipping industries.

(v) The formalities for registration of newly acquired vessels have been simplified.

Annex-I

List of vessels owned by SCI

TANKERS (Crude Oil Carriers)

1 Maharshi Karve
2 C.V. Raman

- 3 Homi Bhabha
- 4 Major Somnath Sharma PVC
- 5 Lance Naik KaramSingh PVC
- 6 Lt. Rama Raghoba Rane PVC
- 7 Naik Jadunath Singh PVC
- 8 Comp. Havildar Major Piru Singh PVC
- 9 Captain Gurbachan Singh Salaria PVC
- 10 Major Dhan Singh Thapa PVC
- 11 Subedar Joginder Singh PVC
- 12 Major Saitan Singh PVC
- 13 Havildar Abdul Hamid PVC
- 14 Col. Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore PVC
- 15 Motilal Nehru
- 16 Jawaharlal Nehru
- 17 Ankleshwar
- 18 Gandhar
- 19 Maharaja Agrasen
- 20 Guru Gobind Singh
- 21 Abul Kalam Azad
- 22 Maharshi Parashuram
- 23 Desh Bhakt
- 24 Desh Prem
- 25 Desh Rakshak
- 26 Desh Gaurav
- 27 Desh Shakti
- 28 Desh Shanti
- 29 Desh Ujaala
- 30 Desh Vaibhav

TANKERS (Product Carriers)

- 1 Flying Officer Nirmaljit - Singh Sekhon PVC
- 2 Lt. Arun Khetarpal PVC
- 3 Major Hoshiar Singh PVC
- 4 Lance Naik Albert Ekka PVC
- 5 Rabindranath Tagore
- 6 Bankimchandra Chatterjee
- 7 Bharatidasan
- 8 Suvarna Swarajya
- 9 Sampurna Swarajya

PASSANGER CUM CARGO SHIPS

- 1 Ramanujam
- 2 Harsha Vardhana

DRY BULK CARRIERS

- 1 Kanpur
- 2 Alaknanda
- 3 Mandakini
- 4 Uttarkashi
- 5 Dev Prayag
- 6 Rishikesh
- 7 Hardwar
- 8 Lok Maheshwari
- 9 Varanasi
- 10 Pataliputra
- 11 Murshidabad
- 12 Dakshineshwar
- 13 Ganga Sagar
- 14 Lok Rajeshwari
- 15 Lok Prakash
- 16 Lok Prem
- 17 Lok Pratap
- 18 Maharashtra
- 19 Goa
- 20 Tamil Nadu

PHOSPHORIC ACID/CHEMICAL CARRIERS

- 1 Tirumalai
- 2 Sabarimala
- 3 Palanimalai

LPG / AMMONIA CARRIERS

- 1 Nanga Parbat
- 2 Annapurna

CONTAINER VESSELS

- 1 Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 2 Indira Gandhi
- 3 Rajiv Gandhi

OFF-SHORE SUPPLY VESSELS

- 1 Feroze Gandhi
- 2 C.P. Srivastava
- 3 SCI-01
- 4 SCI-02
- 5 SCI-03
- 6 SCI-04
- 7 SCI-05
- 8 SCI-06
- 9 Capt. F.M. Juvale
- 10 Dr. Nagendra Singh

Total no. of vessels : 79