

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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NEW MARITIME POLICY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring new maritime policy to speed up expansion of shipping projects including secure rail, road ports and inland waterways correctively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the existing hurdles which are coming in the way of execution of these projects;
- (d) the extent to which the new policy is likely to be helpful to boost and expansion of maritime industry; and
- (e) the number of disputes pending in the court of law in this sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K.VASAN)

- (a) & (b): The proposed Maritime Policy envisages integrated development of Maritime Sector which also encompasses hinterland connectivity to ensure least distance access to the ports.
- (c) & (d): At present, no hurdles are seen in the execution of projects under the proposed Maritime Policy which after implementation will lead to the expansion of maritime sector.
- (e): 246 court cases are pending at present pertaining to maritime sector on issues relating to allotment of land, port charges, policy issues, projects, selection of bidders, personnel matters etc.