

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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MONITORING OF MMDS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Shipping(DGS) has set up any mechanism to monitor the activities of various Mercantile Marine Departments(MMDs) all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the date on which this mechanism was set up;
- (d) whether this mechanism has brought about much needed efficiency in the working of the MMDs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of changes to be brought in the working of all offices of MMDs?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a) to (e): Yes, Madam. All offices of MMD across the country are monitored on the basis of periodical reports/review meetings.
- (f): It is proposed to establish MMD offices in all major ports to provide quick services. Recently regional level MMDs offices have been set up at Kochi and Kandla headed by Principal Officer of the rank of Joint Secretary and also set up three district level MMDs at Paradeep, Haldia and New Mangalore. Further, an examination centre has been set-up at Noida to facilitate the candidates hailing from Northern India. In addition, the Government has also created 28 officers posts and 2 posts have been upgraded to Joint Secretary level. These newly created posts are at various levels of recruitment. Certain works relating to survey and inspection of Indian ships on safety construction have been delegated to the classification societies to supplement the shortage of surveyors.