

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4820  
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OFFSHORE CASINO ROYALE  
Singh Chaudhary Lal

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Goa's biggest `Offshore Casino Royale` is technically inferior and unfit as per the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) convention;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of offshore casinos operating/parked off at Panaji and
- (c) the likely loss to Exchequer and the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard.?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The vessel "Casino Royale" does not fully conform to requirements of SOLAS Convention. The non-conformities identified in respect of this vessel include stability/ Damage Stability, Structural Fire Protection arrangements, Sprinkler System and escape and evacuation arrangements. Six passenger vessels used/proposed to be used for the purpose of casino facility are positioned in the Mandovi River at Panaji.

(c): No loss to exchequer has come to the notice of the Government.