GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF SEAFARERS/SAILORS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian seafarers/sailors and other crew members found missing, got injured and died in marine accidents during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to provide grant/fund of compensations to the victims/heirs of the deceased from their respective companies;

(c) whether the said seafarers/sailors and other crew members are facing lot of problems/difficulties due to inadequate training and experience;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to decide hire/employ foreign seafarers/ sailors on Indian ships; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of Indian seafarers/sailors?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The number of Indian sea farers/sailors who were found missing, got injured and died in marine accidents during the last three years and current year together with compensation paid is given below:-

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Year   Missing  Injured  Dead  Compensation paid


2007   05  16  35  32
2008   07  10  31  28
2009   13  07  42  19
2010 (upto July) 05  04  26  01
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Settlement of other cases is dependent on the enquiry reports of the relevant marine accidents.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Yes, Madam.

(f): On the request of Indian National Ship-owners' Association for specialized types of vessels like crude oil tankers, where adequate manpower is not readily available, Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, has issued an order on 15.7.2008 regarding "Permission to foreign seafarers to be employed on Indian flag vessels". However, as per information available, this facility has not been availed by any Indian ship-owner due to various complexities involved.