

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF OFFICES OF DGS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the shipping activity in Gujarat is increasing;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to open a full-fledged office of the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) in Gujarat;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a new agency to cater the demand of the East Coast States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken to help shipping and other entrepreneurs get efficient/early services from the regulatory bodies like Mercantile Marine Department(MMD); and
- (f) the measures taken to simplify the entire regulatory processes in order to avoid unnecessary delays and harassment to small entrepreneurs?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): The Government has already opened a full-fledged Mercantile Marine Department, working under Directorate General of Shipping located in Kandla, Gujarat headed by Principal Officer.
- (c) & (d): There is no proposal to set up a new agency to cater the demand of the East Coast States.
- (e) & (f): The Government has initiated several steps to streamline maritime and shipping sector. Regional MMDs are being reoriented to shift focus from the role of regulator to facilitator. Two Regional Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs) have already been created at Cochin and Kandla and new District level offices at New Mangalore, Paradip and Haldia. Further, the Government has also delegated part of statutory functions to the Recognized Organizations (ROs).

In addition the work load generated by expanding programme of Marine Training is being reviewed in order to streamline and systematize the work of inspections, approvals, admission and examinations to ensure transparency, responsibility and maintenance of the highest standards of quality by technological up gradations and greater involvement of external resources. Use of modern technology has been introduced to advance efficiency. E-Governance has been implemented for all surveys and inspection and for delivering e-services across the web. Network between Directorate General of Shipping and allied offices are being strengthened so as to provide quicker online services.