

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF RULES/REGULATIONS OF MMD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) rules and regulations so as to out-source most peripheral functions and duties;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the hurdles in the way of Directorate General of Shipping(DGS) to revamping the outdated rule and manner of functioning of MMD and diverse technical wings of DGS;
- (d) whether routine inspections of vessels have been elevated to complex situations; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken to sensitize technical officers of MMD to avoid delays and harassment?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The Government has delegated most of the survey work in respect of Cargo Ships and other peripheral surveys to Indian Register of Shipping and six other Classification Societies. It has delegated, survey of ships with regard to Safety Construction, Safety Equipment, Safety Radio and Load Line assignment to the following seven Classification Societies:-

- a. American Bureau of Shipping, Mumbai.
- b. Bureau Veritas, Mumbai.
- c. Det Norske Veritas, Mumbai.
- d. Germanischer Lloyd, Mumbai.
- e. Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai.
- f. Lloyds Register of Shipping, Mumbai.
- g. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Mumbai.

(c): Rules and regulations are regularly being reviewed and updated to meet the latest national and international requirement of the industry and to keep pace with the amendments to International Conventions which the country has ratified.

(d): Routine inspection of the vessels has not been elevated to complex situations and most of the survey works have been delegated to Classification Societies.

(e): Since most of the survey work has been delegated to the Classification Societies whose working is closely monitored by the Directorate, the question of delay and harassment on account of the technical officers does not arise.