

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASING CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY

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

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has prepared any action plan to increase its cargo carrying capacity by the year 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is purchasing new ships under its action plan to increase the cargo carrying capacity;
- (d) if so, the details of the ships and resources available with the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) as on date;
- (e) whether all ships of the SCI are working as per their capacity; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) to (d): As per the SCI's draft Perspective plan 2010~2020, SCI plans to acquire 40 Vessels by the year 2015 i.e Phase-I of the draft Perspective plan of SCI. The estimated cost of these 40 vessels would be about Rs. 9,632.40 crores. The details of these vessels are at Annexure-I. This is in addition to 25 vessels already on order at a cost of Rs. 5277.88 crores; the details are at Annexure-II. The new ships shall be purchased by SCI as part replacement of its vessels scheduled for phase out at the end of their economic life and also to enhance its capacity. SCI plans to acquire these vessels with equity portion of about 20% to be met through internal resources generation and the balance through borrowing. SCI presently has Rs.2435 crores cash reserves.

(e) & (f): SCI in its fleet has 5 Container vessels catering to India's EXIM as well as Coastal trade through its' Indian Sub-Continent European Service (ISES) and SCI Middle East India Liner Express (SMILE) with a capacity utilization of more than 80%.

The capacity utilization for 17 Bulk Carriers in 2009-10 was 94.20% and for 30 tankers was around 73.05%. The utilization for tankers is lower due to the standard market parcel for the size of the vessel. Draft restrictions at some ports greatly reduce the cargo quantity that can be carried as against its capacity. However, the freight compensation is adjusted taking into account the dead freight.

10 Offshore vessels of SCI are on charter with ONGC and are utilised by ONGC as per their requirement.

**ANNEXURE-I**

The details of the Phase-I (2010-2015) acquisition as per the draft Perspective plan of SCI is as follows:

Type of vessel    No.of vessels    Total estimated cost Rs. Crores

VLCCs	4	1932.00
6500 TEU container vessels	3	1035.00
3500 TEU container vessels	3	690.00
80T AHTSV	6	552.00
Kamsarmax bulk carriers	4	644.00
Suezmax tankers	2	644.00
Aframax tankers	2	1104.00
Capesize bulk carriers	4	588.80
Supramax bulk carriers	4	506.00

1500 TEU container vessels	3	552.00
LPG carriers	2	414.00
LNG tanker	1	690.00
120T AHTSVs	2	280.60
Sub Total	40	9632.40

ANNEXURE-II

Details of 25 vessels ordered by SCI

Type of vessel on order	No. of vessels cost	Total estimated Rs. Crore
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Aframax Crude Oil Carrier	3	728.33
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Anchor Handling, Towing & Supply vessel of 80 TBP capacity each	4	410.69
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Handymax Bulk Carriers	6	1,239.24
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Panamax Bulk Carriers	4	1,095.72
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Anchor Handling, Towing & Supply vessel of 120 TBP capacity each	2	280.6
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Platform Supply Vessels (UT 755 Design)	2	257.60
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Kamsarmax	4	612.72
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25	5,277.88
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