

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of existing fleet of ships presently owned by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI);
- (b) whether SCI has any proposal to increase its fleet and propose to chalk out huge expansion plans;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project;
- (d) whether any emphasis is laid on the development of maritime infrastructure; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a): SCI owns 78 vessels of 3.12 million GT as on 24.11.2010.

(b) & (c): SCI has proposed to purchase new vessels as part replacement of its vessels and to augment its fleet. SCI has proposed to acquire 110 different vessels during 2010-20 at an expected price of about Rs. 27,668 crore.

(d) & (e): Government has a comprehensive National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) formulated in 2005. Under NMDP, 276 projects for development and expansion of the major ports in the country have been identified targeting an investment of Rs.55,803.73 crores. To attract investment in the port sector, private sector participation and 100% FDI has been allowed. Standard bidding documents of RFQ, RFP and MCA have also been formulated to encourage private sector investment in a smooth, uniform and transparent manner. In the shipping sector, 111 projects with an investment of Rs.44,535.00 crores have been envisaged in NMDP for tonnage acquisition, maritime training, coastal shipping, aids to navigation, shipbuilding and building up of IWT infrastructure.