

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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COLLISION OF SHIPS
MUTTEMWAR SHRI VILAS BABURAO

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incidents of collision of ships near the Indian Ports have increased recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the loss of lives and property occurred during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the preventive steps taken to stop such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There has been no substantial increase in incidence of collision of ships near the Indian Ports recently. There has been no loss of life in such incidents of collisions during the last three years and the current year. Also, no loss to property except minor damage to the ships involved in collisions occurred in these collisions during the last three years from 2007 to 2009. However, in 2010 two incidents of collision have led to major damage to the ships and oil pollution.

(c): Some of the major initiatives taken to stop such eventualities are as follows:

- (i) Establishment of Long Range & Identification System (LRIT) on the Indian Coast.
- (ii) Restrictions on old vessels in Indian territorial waters and exclusive economic zone, through executive orders issued by the Directorate.
- (iii) Stringent Port State and Flag State implementation and inspections of older vessels in Indian ports.
- (iv) Establishment of safety fairways, Traffic Separation Schemes, Recommended routes in coastal waters on the west coast of India.
- (v) Issuance of Merchant Shipping notices with regard to ship reporting, navigational warning system, towing and voyage permission guidelines and mandatory inspection by Mercantile Marine Department of ships loading Iron Ore fines in monsoon months.