

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the current status and details of the Maritime Universities proposed to be set up in various States by the Government;
- (b) whether such universities have been established in all the States of the country and are monitored directly by the Government;
- (c) whether NGOs/private agencies can apply to set up such universities;
- (d) if so, the number of such universities set up by them, State-wise;
- (e) the funds allocated to the States by the Government for this purpose during the current financial year;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to set up more such universities to meet the rising demand of trained personnel in shipping sector; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Of the two Maritime Universities in the country, the Indian Maritime University was established at Chennai on 14.11.2008 through Indian Maritime University Act, 2008 (22 of 2008) with campuses at Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Cochin. The second, Academy of Maritime Education & Training at Chennai is a deemed university in the private sector. There is no proposal with Government to set up Maritime Universities in various States.

(c): Yes, Madam. NGOs/private agencies can apply to set up such universities after fulfilling the requirements of University Grants Commission and other extant rules/guidelines/regulations.

(d): State-wise details of such universities is not available with this Ministry.

(e): There is no outlay in the Ministry's budget for allocation of funds to the States for setting up such universities.

(f) & (g): Government has no such proposal at present. However, requirement of more Universities would depend on the experience gained from establishing the Indian Maritime University and other enabling factors like availability of land, resources and presence of Maritime Institutes in the region.