

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TONNAGE OF INDIAN SHIPPING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian shipping tonnage has crossed the ten million gross tonnage mark;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as compared to the last four years; and
- (c) the future action plan prepared for the remaining Eleventh Plan for the demand and target to be met?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of last four years Indian tonnage is summarized below:

As on 1.11.2007	As on 1.11.2008	As on 1.11.2009	As on 1.11.2010
No. of Gross Ships tonnage	No. of Gross Ships tonnage	No. of Gross Ships tonnage	No. of Gross Ships tonnage

846	9136332	902	9212686	963	9413164	1035	10063318	MT	MT	MT	MT
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(c): The Eleventh Plan document on Shipping & IWT sector envisage the under noted target for the expansion of Indian Shipping fleet in three scenario:

Target	
(i) Scenario - 1 (Conservative)	10 million GT.
(ii) Scenario - 2 (Modest)	12 million GT.
(iii) Scenario - 3 (Optimistic)	15 million GT.

Government has been taking various steps from time to time for the growth of Indian tonnage. Government had introduced tonnage tax regime for shipping sector in 2004 and Indian shipping industry has been provided cargo support through right of first refusal & policy of FOB import is being followed for government owned/controlled cargoes. Further, chartering of vessels for movement of cargo on private account is regulated through the Director General of Shipping taking into consideration the availability of Indian flag vessels. These measures are likely to be continued in the remaining period of eleventh Five Year Plan to support Indian shipping Industry. Shipping Corporation of India, the only Public Sector Shipping Company planned to order 62 vessels during Eleventh Plan period. Out of this, 34 vessels have been ordered/ acquired and balance 28 vessels are planned to be ordered during the remaining Eleventh Plan period.