

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MARITIME COOPERATION WITH NORWAY

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has held discussions with Norway to enhance maritime cooperation, trade, etc. recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the sectors in which such cooperation is being sought from Norway; and
- (d) the extent to which such co-operation between the two countries will be benefited in the coming years?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Shipping held discussions with Government of Norway during the visit of Mr. Trond Giske, Norwegian Minister for Trade and Industry on 27-28 November, 2010 in Mumbai. A Joint maritime Working Group (JWG) has been established for cooperation between the two countries in maritime sector.

The scope of the Joint Working Group would tentatively include:

- (i) Sustainable Maritime Development, including implementation of any environmental solutions on existing ships considered to be relevant for ship owners from a business point of view.
- (ii) Use of LNG as fuel for port operations, coastal shipping and the OSV fleet.
- (iii) Smarter and greener shipping, including coastal shipping, navigational aids, coastal surveillance, environmental friendly shipping and environmental preparedness against marine pollution.
- (iv) Sustainable ship building technologies, shipyard management and automation, ship building design and collaboration between equipment producers and shipyards.
- (v) Technology development, design and construction of vessels intended for operations related to installation and maintenance of Off-shore Wind Energy Systems.
- (vi) Joint development/production/Transfer of Technology for manufacture of equipment/ systems.

It is expected that cooperation between India and Norway in Maritime sector will strengthen the Indian shipping and shipbuilding industry and they will be exposed to latest technology available in these sectors. The industry may like to opt for these technology/designs if found viable by them.