

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5451
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CARRIER AT COASTAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the carrier industry at coastal areas was under the suzerainty of shipping companies till now;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to allow the entry of foreign shipping companies in this sector;
- (d) if so, the salient features of the proposal; and
- (e) the benefit likely to be accrued as a result of the entry of foreign shipping companies in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) & (d): Foreign flag ships are already permitted to engage in shipping in coastal areas in accordance with provisions of Sections 406 and 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and Shipping Development Circular No. 2 of 2002.
- (e): Permitting foreign ships when Indian tonnage is not available ensures that the trade is not interrupted.