

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:92

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ANTIPIRACY LAW

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing incidents of Indians being hijacked by Somali pirates on board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of such incidents reported during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any safeguards to deal with the recurrence of such incidents by means of joint patrolling, etc.;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any anti-piracy law to counter pirates on the high seas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of piracy attacks on ships and Mechanised Sailing Vessels(MSV) with Indian crewmembers during last three years is as under:

S.No.	Name of vessel	Flag	Number of Indians hijacked	Date of	Present status
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1. Iran Dayanat Iran 3 21/8/2008 Released on 10/10/2008.

2. Stolt Valor Hong Kong 18 15/9/2008 Released on 16/11/2008.

3. Delight Hong Kong 7 18/11/2008 Released on 9/1/2008.

4. Biscaglia Liberia 25 28/11/2008 Released on 26/1/2009.

5. Kota Wajar Singapore 2 15/10/2009 Released on 28/12/2009

6. Al Khaliq Panama 24 22/10/2009 Released on 9/2/2010.

7. St. James Parl U.K. 6 22/12/2009 Released on 13/5/2010.

8. Asian Glory U.K. 5 1/1/2010 Released on 11/6/2010

9. Iceberg-1 Panama 6 29/3/2010 Not released as yet.

10. Rak Afrikana St. Vincent 10 11/4/2010 Released on 9/3/2011.

- 11 Marida Marguerite Marshall 19 8/5/2010 Released on 29/12/2010.
Islands

- 12 Asphalt Venture Panama 15 29/9/2010 Vessel released on
16/4/2011 but 7 crew
still held by pirates.

- 13 Suez Panama 6 2/8/2010 Released on 13/6/2011.

14. Eckhardt (hijacking near Bilize 14 1/10/2010 Released same day but
Bonny West coast Africa 3 crew taken hostage
and released on 18/10
/2010.

15. Albedo Malaysia 2 26/11/2010 Not released

16. Valle Di Cordoba hijacked Italy 20 24/12/2010 Released same day.
near Nigeria Logos

17. Savina Caylyn Italy 17 8/2/2011 Not released.

18. Sinin Malta 9 12/2/2011 Not released.

19. Zirku UAE 1 29/3/2011 Released on 12/6/2011.

20. Jubbaxx UAE 5 16/7/2011 Released.

Mechanized Sailing Vessels:

21 MSV Shiv Shambo India 14 20/10/2008 Released on 25/10/2008

22. MSV Al Rafique India 15 21/3/2009 Released.Date not known.

23 MSV Vishwa Kalyan India 15 14/6/2009 Released.Date not known.

24. MSV Nefaya India 13 10/7/2009 Released on end
of July, 2009.

25. MSV Lakshmi Sagar India 14 11/12/2009 Released on 14/12/2009

26. MSV Faize Osmania India 14 28/1/2010 Released on 1/2/2010.

27. MSV Jayshree Sagar India 18 26/1/2010 Released on 23/3/2010.

28 MSV Al Kadri India 14 28/3/2010 Released on 4/4/2010.

29. MSV Krishna Jyot India 15 24/3/2010 Released on 3/4/2010.

30 MSV Nar Narayan India 19 28/3/2010 Released on 7/4/2010.

31 MSV Faize Osmania India 12 28/3/2010 Released on 5/4/2010.

32. MSV Safina Al Gayatri India 21 3/4/2010 Released on 4/4/2010.

33. MSV Vishwa Kalyan India 15 27/3/2010 Released on 11/4/2010.

34. MSV Al Izaj India 11 27/3/2010 Released on 13/4/2010.

35. ML Arzoo Comoros 14 March 10 Released on 27/3/2010.

36. Al Musa India 14 9/1/2011 Released on 22/2/2011.

37. Al Yasim India 15 27/3/2011 Released.

38. Faize Goushe Nor India 18 11-12/5/2011 Released on 18/5/2011.

39. Nashir Yet to 7 14/7/2011 Released.
be confirmed

40 Shihaan (Shaan) UAE Not yet known 18/7/2011 Not yet confirmed.
Awaiting owners
contact details.

Total Ships = 20 214

Total MSVs=20 278

Grand total=40 492

Note () The MSV "Shihaan" is reported to have total crew of 19 and composition of crew reported to be mix of India & Pakistani but break-up is not known yet.

(c): There is an Indian naval ship assigned to escort all ships in general and Indian interest in particular, in the Gulf of Aden with effect from October, 2008. Reportedly, there are about 30 naval ships of nearly 17 navies belonging to different countries patrolling in the piracy affected area. The naval ships of different countries coordinate with each other through various multi-national and bilateral initiatives in the piracy affected region.

(d) & (e): It has been decided by the Government to prepare a comprehensive domestic legislation on piracy through an inter-ministerial consultation exercise involving Ministries of External Affairs, Defence, Shipping, Home Affairs and Law and Justice, Directorate General of Shipping, Indian Navy and the Coast Guard.