

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:422  
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2009  
DEVELOPMENT OF SHIPPING SECTOR  
Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan

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

- (a) whether the Government has drawn any detailed action plan for renovation of ports and a roadmap for development of shipping in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the ongoing shipping projects in which there is private participation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to strengthen the shipping sector of the country and make it internationally competitive?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 422 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2009, RAISED BY SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF SHIPPING SECTOR

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. With the objective to upgrade and modernize port infrastructure in India and development of shipping, a National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP) has been formulated by the Ministry of Shipping. Under this programme, specific projects have been identified to be taken up for implementation up to 2011-12 with an overall investment of Rs.1,00,339 crores.

(c) & (d): There is no ongoing project in shipping sector in which there is private participation.

(e): In order to create level playing field for the Indian Shipping Companies with their global counter parts, the Government has introduced Tonnage Tax regime in India since the year 2004 by which the tax out go for Indian Shipping Companies has been brought in line with International Standard.