

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:113

ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011

SEA PIRACY

Gawali Patil Smt. Bhavana Pundlikrao ;Nagorao Shri Dudhgaonkar Ganeshrao

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian ships attacked and hijacked by sea-pirates during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of Indian crew members killed or kidnapped by the pirates;
- (c) the number of crew members released and also still in captivity;
- (d) whether the crew members of freighters are given full training by the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial measures taken to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 113 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH AUGUST, 2011 RAISED BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA GAWALI PATIL AND ADV. GANESHRAO DUDHGAONKAR.

(a): The Indian flag ships attacked and hijacked by sea-pirates during each of the last three years and the current year is as under:

Year	Indian flag ships attacked	Indian flag ships hijacked	ShipS Mechanized Sailing Vessels (MSV)
------	-------------------------------	-------------------------------	---

2008	1	0	1
(w.e.f 21.08.2008)			

2009	4	0	4
------	---	---	---

2010	3	0	9
------	---	---	---

2011	Nil	0	3
------	-----	---	---

Total	8	0	17
-------	---	---	----

(b): There is no report of Indian crew members killed by the pirates. Details of Indian crew kidnapped by pirates are as follows:

Year	Ships	MSVs
------	-------	------

2008 (w.e.f. 21.8.2008)	53	14
-------------------------------	----	----

2009	32	57
------	----	----

2010	61	153
------	----	-----

2011 (Till 04.08. 2011)	32	66
-------------------------------	----	----

Total:	178	290
--------	-----	-----

(c): Indian crew members released from Ships/Mechanized Sailing Vessels (MSV):

Year	Ships	Mechanized Sailing Vessels (MSV)
------	-------	----------------------------------

2008 (w.e.f 21.8.2008)	21	14
---------------------------	----	----

2009	34	57
------	----	----

2010	54	153
------	----	-----

2011 (till date)	30	54
---------------------	----	----

Total	139	278
-------	-----	-----

A total of 51 crew remain in captivity. 39 crew are on ships and 12 on MSV.

(d) & (e): No, Madam. The Government is not directly involved in imparting training. As regards remedial measures, following have been taken:

Issuance of Notices by Director General of Shipping to Shipowners, providing for elaborate anti-piracy measures (Best Management Practices) including safe house/citadel.

Banning of sailing vessels to ply in waters south of the line joining Salalah and Male.

Naval escort provided by Indian Naval Ships in Gulf of Aden.

Enhanced vigil by Indian Navy in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone and westward up to 65 degree east longitude.