

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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SHIP ATTACKED AND HIJACKED BY SEA PIRATES  
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**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 details of loss of life and properties as a result thereof, year-wise; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Union Government to solve the problem?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Though there have been some attempts, no Indian ship has been hijacked by sea pirates during the last three years. However, Somali pirates hijacked three Indian dhows in 2009.

(b): No loss of life has been reported in the above-mentioned cases. However, the pirates had beaten up the crew members and stolen the radio equipment, diesel, food and personal belongings of crew members including mobile phones, articles purchased for their families, food items etc.

(c): The Indian Navy has commenced patrolling the seas in approaches to the Gulf of Aden from 23rd October, 2008. The Directorate General of Shipping also issues advisories to the ship-owners' informing them of Indian Navy patrolling plan in order to avoid attacks from pirates.