

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF COASTLINE LENGTH
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total length of coastline of India as against the total coastline of the world;
- (b) whether India has not been able to appropriately utilize the available coastline in expanding international trade and sea transport;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government for better utilization of Indian coastline in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): India has a long coastline of about 7517 Kms. spread on the western and eastern shelves of the mainland and also along the islands. The coast is being used for international trade through 12 major ports and about 51 non-major ports. The coast is also used for coastal shipping and landing of fishing trawlers. Ship building, ship repair, Marina and Inland water transport systems are also located on the coast. The international trade and sea transport has been continuously increasing over the past few years.

(c) & (d): Government is encouraging coastal shipping between the different ports on the coast by giving 40% concession on the vessel related charges and cargo related charges. Government has also identified 6 ports for developing passenger terminal for cruise shipping.