

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:436
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2012
SAFETY OF SHIPPING VESSELS
Tanwar Shri Ashok

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the vessel traffic in the international shipping channel of the West Coast of India has increased in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) the measures initiated by the Government to ensure the smooth passage of the same; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance the safety of small fishing vessels at sea?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 436 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH MAY, 2012 RAISED BY SHRI ASHOK TANWAR, REGARDING 'SAFETY OF SHIPPING VESSELS'.

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Due to the increase in the size of the vessels, the number of vessels visiting the major ports on the west coast in the past 3 years have marginally decreased as per details given below:-

Total No. of Vessels

2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
11355	11275	10818

(c): The safety of vessels in the channel is monitored by the concerned ports. Vessel Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS) are installed in the ports to identify the ships and help them in safe navigation.

(d): Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships has taken up a Pilot Study to identify a customized Automatic Identification System Transponders to be fitted on board the fishing vessels using the existing AIS Network.