

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BILATERAL TALKS ON SHIPPING SECTOR

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has held discussions with the leaders of Japan on bilateral issues concerning the port and shipping sectors in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed during the said meeting;

(c) the issues on which both the countries have agreed for implementation; and

(d) the details of Japanese companies that has participated in various shipping sector projects in the country? ANSWER MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) &(c): During his visit to New Delhi,

Answer

the Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Government of Japan met the Minister of Shipping, Government of India on 12 January, 2012 and held preliminary discussions on infrastructure development, i.e., construction of new berths, terminals and creation of other facilities in Chennai and Ennore Ports.

(d): Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI) along with 3 Japanese Shipping lines Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Limited (MOL), Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK) and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Limited (K-Line) formed a consortium for establishing three Joint Venture Companies at Malta for the construction, ownership and operation of Liquefied Natural Gas tankers each. For operating container services in the East Coast sector, SCI has necessary tie-up with various reputed foreign shipping lines including K-line of Japan.