

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TONNAGE MARK

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian shipping tonnage has crossed the ten million tonnage mark;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as compared to the last five years; and
- (c) the action plan prepared to raise the growth of Indian Shipping tonnage in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of Indian fleet for the last five years are as follows:

Year	Coastal vessels		Overseas vessels		Total	
	No. of ships	GT	No. of ships	GT	No. of ships	GT
31.03.2012	764	1062383	371	9968368	1135	11030751
31.03.2011	722	1024674	349	9425631	1071	10450305
31.03.2010	674	997084	324	8616158	998	9613242
31.03.2009	627	962922	298	8320217	925	9283139
31.03.2008	585	904484	282	8086107	867	8990591

(c): Government had introduced tonnage tax regime for shipping sector in 2004. Further, Indian shipping industry has been provided cargo support through right of first refusal & policy of FOB import is being followed for government owned/controlled cargoes. Further, chartering of vessels for movement of cargo on private account is regulated through the Director General of Shipping taking into consideration the availability of Indian flag vessels. These measures are likely to be continued to support Indian shipping Industry.