

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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SHIPPING BUSINESS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the shipping business saw ship supplies outstrip demand by three to four per cent during 2010 and 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to improve the said situation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Although business demand for shipping grew between 2010 and 2011, the global shipping tonnage grew at a higher rate which resulted in a glut in capacity with ship supplies outstripping demand.

The detail about global supply-demand gap, for the two major sectors of shipping i.e. dry bulk and tanker segment is given below:

(in million dwt)

	2010	2011	% gap	Supply	Demand	% gap
Dry bulk segment	525.0	385.2	26.63%	604.8	405.6	32.94%
Tanker segment	377.3	295.2	21.76%	398.7	315.2	20.94%

(Source: Drewry Maritime Research - Dry Bulk Forecaster 2Q2012)

(c): The demand and supply in Shipping sector is regulated by market forces. Given the fact that shipping business has shown cyclic trends over a period of time, the markets are expected to correct themselves in natural course.