

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF VESSELS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) had decided to purchase 65 ships during the year 2006-08 while market price was all time high;
- (b) if so, the reasons for procuring vessels during such period;
- (c) the number of shipping vessels bought during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the SCI is now facing difficulties to raise the required fund to pay for getting delivery of the remaining vessels;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the details of subsidies being provided for buying of shipping vessels?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) did not plan to purchase 65 ships during the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08. SCI has a well planned vessel acquisition programme which is prepared based on the need for the vessels either for replacement of the existing vessels or for augmentation of the SCI fleet. During this period, SCI had placed orders for 26 vessels and the acquisition was based on requirement of the Operating Divisions for replacement of ageing vessels, expansion of fleet etc. so as to remain competitive in the market and retain their market share.

(c): The details of vessels ordered by SCI during last three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) are as under:

Year	No. of vessels	GT	DWT	(Gross Tonnage)	(Dead Weight Tonnage)
2009-10	05	38,393	61,256		
		(includes 1 resale MR tanker)			
2010-11	11	7,25,067	12,16,964		
2011-12	09	1,11,304	1,68,254		

(includes 2 Supramax bulk carriers)
Total 25 8,74,764 14,46,474

No acquisition of vessels has been ordered by SCI during current financial year 2012-13.

- (d) & (e): SCI is not facing difficulties to raise the required funds to pay for getting delivery of remaining vessels.
- (f): No subsidy is provided to SCI for buying of shipping vessels.