

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF NEW SHIPS BY SCI
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) intends to purchase new ships to enhance its capacity-utilisation;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether plans have been chalked out about the manner in which these ships would be used in the future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Nineteen ships of the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) of different types and sizes were ordered during the past few years for delivery to SCI in a phased manner by 2014. After joining SCI's fleet, these ships will further enhance SCI's tonnage and cargo carrying capacity.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The bulk carriers and tankers would be deployed in India centric trade catering to the Indian exim trade. Part of the vessels would be deployed in the world wide trade depending on the opportunities available. The cellular container vessels are proposed to be deployed in the SCI's liner services on the India - Europe sector and also in the India - Far East sector. The 9 offshore vessels on order would be deployed in the Indian offshore services market catering to the requirements of the Exploration & Production (E & P) operators in India. These vessels are built to international specifications and alternatively can be employed at foreign locations based on the opportunities available.