

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF MARINE SCIENCE EXPERTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of marine science experts in the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) due to which the Government is not able to avail any special benefit of oceanic assets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to appoint marine science experts in DGS so as to avail of maximum benefits from marine assets?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K.VASAN)

(a) to (c): The Directorate General of Shipping through its three Technical Wings viz. Nautical Wing headed by the Nautical Advisor, Engineering Wing headed by Chief Surveyor and Naval Architecture Wing headed by Chief Ship Surveyor has been ensuring to derive the optimum benefits of country's marine assets.