

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1711  
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2013  
VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT  
Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia;Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

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

- (a) whether any action has been taken by the Government on various representations made by the Government of Gujarat regarding early completion of Vessel Traffic Management Systems (VTMS) Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is considering/setting up a VTMS authority for Gulf of Kutch; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

- (a) Yes Madam. The Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) project has been established and commissioned on 13th February 2012 in Gulf of Kutch.
- (b) The VTS-Gulf of Kutch (GoK) consists of total 21 Stations having 9 Radar Stations, 6 Port Monitor Stations, 3 Repeater Stations, 2 Coast Guard Monitor Stations and 1 Indian Navy Monitor Station. System is effectively monitoring Vessel Traffic plying in the Gulf of Kutch since 13th February 2012.
- (c) Yes Madam.
- (d) A subcommittee of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has been constituted and has submitted its report regarding VTMS Authority.