

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:157  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2009  
MARITIME INSTITUTIONS  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) whether the infrastructure/institutions available in the country for higher education in the field of maritime study is consistent with the demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to augment the maritime educational infrastructure/institutions in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 157 FOR ANSWER ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 2009 RAISED BY SHRI AHIR VIKRAMBHAJI ARJANBHAJI MAADAM REGARDING MARITIME INSTITUTIONS

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) There are 3 Nautical and 4 Engineering Courses for marine cadets. The Directorate General of Shipping has approved 51 maritime training institutes for conducting these courses. The following table indicates that actual admitted intake has been less than the sanctioned capacity:-

Name of the Course	2006 Approved intake	2007 Admitted intake	2008 Approved intake	Admitted intake
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Engineering Courses	2711	1993	2623	2022	2983	2636
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Nautical Courses	2656	2122	2676	2157	3010	2636
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Total	5367	4115	5299	4179	5993	5272
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In the light of cyclic nature of the shipping trade and industry, the Government periodically reviews the demand and supply of seafarers by taking into the current and future needs of the industry at large. The projection in the Baltic International Maritime Council (BIMCO)/ International Shipping Federation (ISF) update 2005 of the global shortage in manpower was placed at around 27000 seafarers in the officers category in the year 2015. The report of the Committee on Promotion of Maritime Employment dated 7/3/2007 headed by the Director General of Shipping estimated that about 5400 officers have to be trained annually to retain Indian share of global seafarers employment market of 6% plus 20% of the additional requirement.

The under utilization of the approved intake capacity indicates that the available infrastructure is consistent with the demand estimated in the aforesaid report. Moreover, the present annual capacity for the officers as on date is 6550.

(c) The following steps have been taken to augment the maritime educational infrastructure /institutions in the country:-

(i) Setting up the Indian Maritime University (IMU) on 14/11/2008 in Chennai with campuses at Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and Visakhapatnam as a Central University through IMU Act, 2008 (22 of 2008). The IMU shall focus on high end academic programmes

in the maritime sector.

(ii) Expanding the facilities for marine education & training by allowing private colleges to be opened. As a result 125 maritime training institutes have been established in public and private sector.

(iii) Approval for enhanced intake in maritime training courses.

(iv) Introduction of various career progression schemes to augment the capacity of nautical and engineering officers.