

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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MARINE SCIENTISTS

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to appoint marine scientists on the main posts for the development and optimum utilisation of this sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study to find that the appointment of IAS officers on important positions in the shipping industry has led to a decline of this industry and many schemes have been put on back burner;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the corrective steps taken by the Government so far in this regard; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved by the Government so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

- (a): There is no post of marine scientist in the Directorate General of Shipping or in its allied offices. 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 have been contributing to the development and regulation of this sector.
- (b): No, Madam.
- (c): Does not arise.
- (d): Some major process improvements achieved during the last six months in the shipping sector are:-
 - (i) Simplification of fishing vessels registration procedure.
 - (ii) On line examination and counselling for admission to Indian Maritime University.
 - (iii) Simplifying ship licensing procedures.
 - (iv) Easing statutory ship survey procedures.
 - (v) Allowing Indian Shipowners to own ships and flag these ships abroad.