

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that shipping industry in India is facing acute shortage of skilled seafarers in terms of both quality and quantity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI NITIN GADKARI)

(a) Directorate General of Shipping regulates maritime training under the provisions of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958. Adequate infrastructure is available to train the seafarers in India. An approximate number of 1,50,000 skilled seafarers is available for employment on Indian and foreign ships.

(b) Does not arise.