

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1658
ANSWERED ON:05.03.2015
HIJACKS BY PIRATES
Joshi Shri Chandra Prakash

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian boats/ships/vessels and sailors/voyager hijacked/kidnapped by pirates of Somaliya during the last three years and current year and got recovered/freed recently;
- (b) whether missing Indian boats/ships/vessels have been reported to be in use by pirates of Somaliya; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to sort out the problem?

Answer

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

(a): No Indian Merchant vessel has been hijacked during the last 3 years and the current year. The details of Indian Mechanised Sailing vessels (Dhow) hijacked by Somali pirates during the last 3 years and the current year are at Annexure-I.

Details of Indian Crew hijacked earlier by Somali pirates and recovered/freed during the last 3 years and the current year are at Annexure-II.

(b)&(c): No such information has come to notice and all diplomatic and other official channels are used to resolve issues related to piracy and hijacking.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1658 for 5th March, 2015. Details of Indian Mechanised Sailing vessels (Dhow) hijacked by Somali pirates during the last 3 years and current year

Year-2012

Sl. No. Name of MSV/Dhow Date of Hijack No. of Indian crew Date of release

1. MSV Ramban 10.03.2012 15 15.03.2012
2. MSV Al Ashma 28.02.2012 17 04.03.2012
3. MSV Mother 08.01.2012 15 20.01.2012
4. MSV Safina Al Salam 04.01.2012 18 07.01.2012

Year-2013

1. MSV Shahe Faize Noori 05.06.2013 14 05.06.2013

Year-2014

1. MSV Al Nazir 12.04.2014 Information not available 25.04.2014
2. MSV Shane Hind 17.01.2014 13 18.01.2014

Year-2015-Nil

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1658 for 5th March, 2015.

Details of Indian Crew hijacked earlier by Somali pirates and recovered/freed during the last 3 years and the current year.

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel/ of vessel	flag	Date of hijack	Date of release	No. of Indian crew held hostage	Indian crew released
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1	Iceberg 1/	Panama	29.03.2010	23.12.2012	6	5#
2	Asphalt Venture/	Panama	29.09.2010	15.04.2011	15	8
			30.10.2014		7	
3	Albedo/Malaysia		26.11.2010	05.06.2014	2	1\$
4	Fairchem Bogey/	Marshal Is.	20.08.2011	13.01.2012	21	21
5	Enrico Ievoli/	Italy	27.12.2011	23.04.2012	7	7
6	Leila/	Panama	17.02.2012	12.04.2012	11	11
7	Royal Grace/	Panama	02.03.2012	08.03.2013	17	17
8	Eglantine/	Bolivian	26.03.12	02.04.2012	1	1
9	Smyrin/	Liberia	10.05.12	09.03.2013	11	11
	Total				91	89

Out of the 6 Indian crew, 5 were released in December, 2012 and one crew is reportedly missing.
\$One Indian is reported dead.