

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6187
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TRANSCHART DEPARTMENT
Meghwal Shri Arjun Ram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of setting up of transchart department along with the details of the works being undertaken by it;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to phase out this department; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the transchart department is likely to be phased out?

Answer

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

(a) The objective of setting up of Chartering Wing (popularly known as TRANSCHART) was to act as a co-ordinating agency between Ministry of Shipping and other Government Departments /Ministries/Public Sector Undertakings for shipment of all Government owned/controlled cargoes; to ensure maximum utilization of Indian tonnage by giving right of first refusal, to obtain competitive freight rates and to conserve foreign exchange. Presently Chartering Wing is making shipping arrangements of import cargoes on behalf of various Government departments/Public Sector Undertakings at a competitive freight rate with the prior approval of indenting department/Public Sector Undertakings.

(b)&(c):No, Madam. Does not arise.