

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5140
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2014
MAHARSHI BHAVATREYA SHIP
Mullappally Shri Ramachandran

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the pathetic condition of sailors on board at Maharshi Bhavatreyya ship;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether any representation has been received from the family members of the crew on board Maharshi Bhavatreyya ship for their rescue; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. The Government has received a communication from the master of Maharshi Bhavatreyya (Singapore Flag ship) regarding certain difficulties being faced by the crew of said vessel which is, presently anchored within Dubai Port limits and waiting for dry dock.

The Government, through the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, had taken up the matter with the Chairman and Managing Director of the company in India and directed to resolve the issues immediately. The company has reported that Maharshi Bhavatreyya is scheduled to be taken in the dry dock at Dubai in the 2nd half of August, 2014. The company has further informed that food and provision are regularly arranged, and crew will be repatriated in the 2nd half of August, 2014 once the ship is dry docked. The company has also assured that the due wages of the crew will be paid by the beginning of October, 2014.

(c)&(d): No, Madam.