

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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PRIORITY TO SHIPPING
Thota Shri Narasimham

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to give priority to shipping industry as surface, rail and airfreight has become more costlier; (b) if so, whether it is true that the cargo through sea has been increasing over the years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is true that the Government is considering to increase the fleet of Shipping Corporation of India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of cargo handled at Major & Non-Major Ports in Million Tonnes from 2009-10 to 2012-13 are as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Overseas Cargo	692	732.3	754.87	771.76
Coastal Cargo	158.5	153.1	159.06	162.00
Total Cargo	850.4	885.4	913.93	933.75

(d)&(e) No Sir. There is no proposal to increase the fleet of Shipping Corporation of India during the year 2014-15.