

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY IN MARITIME AREA
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for technological developments in maritime area to bring them to international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has signed any technical agreements with any country to bring the technology at par with the international standards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) In order to meet the challenges emanating from intense global competition, advanced information and communication technology, technological changes in shipping and related sectors coupled with stiff demands from trade, Ministry of Shipping has been continuously engaged in technology developments in port infrastructure, dredging, ship designing and building, communication and navigation system to be at par with international standards.

(c) Yes, Madam. India has signed bilateral Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in Maritime Sector with Vietnam, Austria, The Netherlands, South Africa, USA, Morocco, China, Iran, Singapore, Russian Federation, Turkey, Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark, Finland and Poland. These Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding, inter-alia, include technological cooperation in the Maritime Sector.

(d) Ministry of Shipping is engaged with these countries for mutual cooperation and exchange of technical know-how in maritime sector with a view to developing maritime technology to be at par with international standards.