

and the new targets specially for dry, bulk and heavy cargo?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) According to figures avail-

able in the Ministry, there has been some decline during the preceding 4 years.

(b) The relevant figures are given below:—

Sl. No.	Year	Total seaborne imports and exports	Total seaborne imports and exports in respect of general liner cargo	Imports and ex- ports of general liner cargo carried by Indian vessels in total general liner cargo	Percentage of cargo carried by Indian vessels in total general liner cargo
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Figures in Million tonnes					
1.	1976—77	66.21	9.6	3.8	39.58
2.	1977—78	58.88	9.0	3.4	37.78
3.	1978—79	63.70	10.0	3.3	33.00
4.	1979—80	71.15	11.6	3.3	28.45

The decline in the percentage share of the liner cargoes carried by Indian liner vessels has been mostly due to stiff competition from non-Conference lines or operators, who are employing more sophisticated vessels and also quote rates below the tariff rates charged by the Indian lines, particularly in respect of cargo exported from the West Coast of India.

(c) The Associations of shippers, brokers, steamer agents etc. have been urging the Indian lines from time to time to provide equally sophisticated vessels as offered by outsiders and also to charge more competitive freight rates besides improving the quality of service.

(d) The Ministry has already taken the initiative of discussing with representatives of Indian lines ways and means of improving the quality of shipping services. The three national lines on the UK/Continent trade route have already formed a container consortium.

2. It is proposed to add about 2.5 million GRT to the country's tonnage during the 6th Five Year Plan, which will mainly cover dry, bulk and other cargo vessels.

Opening of Medical University at Mysore

*841. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal was sent by the State Government of Karnataka for opening a Medical University at Mysore; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government have been advised to defer their proposal.