

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
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GROWTH RATE OF SHIPPING INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of **SHIPPING** be pleased to state:

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- the details of the annual growth rate of shipping industry across the country as compared to the world shipping industry during the last three years, country-wise;
- whether the Government has any proposal to increase the growth of the indigenous shipping industry through National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP);
- if so, the details thereof; and
- the list of ports which are under the purview of approved implementation of “Sagarmala” Programmes towards privatization and the time frame fixed for such implementation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) the details of the annual growth rate of shipping industry across the country as compared to the world shipping industry during the last three years, country-wise are as follows:

(i) The total number of Indian seafarers who were employed on Indian or foreign flag vessels increased as under:

Year	Total No. of seafarers engaged	Growth %
2017	154349	7.23
2018	208799	35.27
2019	234886	12.49

The data of seafarers employed country-wise is not maintained.

(ii) The number of vessels under Indian flag have increased from 1313 as on 01.04.2017 to 1431 as on 01.04.2020.

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(iii) The tonnages of vessels under Indian flag have increased from 11.55 MT as on 01.04.2017 to 12.68MT as on 01.04.2020. The comparative position indicating the no. of vessels and tonnage for last three years is as below:

As on	Coastal		Overseas		Total	
	No. of vessels	Gross tonnage	No. of vessels	Gross tonnage	No. of vessels	Gross Tonnage
01.04.2017	908	1.52MT	405	10.02MT	1313	11.55MT
01.04.2018	934	1.48MT	448	11.10MT	1382	12.58MT
01.04.2019	947	1.50MT	458	11.28MT	1405	12.78MT
01.04.2020	975	1.48MT	456	11.20MT	1431	12.68MT

(iv) The growth rate of World shipping along with growth rate in India, as ascertained from Indian National Shipowners' Association, is as below;

Growth Rate of World and India During 2018-2020 (In 1000 dwt)

Country	1 st Jan 2018	1 st Jan 2019	1 st Jan 2020
World Fleet	1833549	1881589	1961597
% of Growth	3.45	2.6	4.3
Indian Fleet	18792	19175	19372
% of Growth	9.86	2.04	1.03

(b) & (c): In order to make the shipping industry more attractive and competitive, the Government has taken various measures in recent years. These are reduction in GST from 18% to 5% on bunker fuel used in Indian flag vessels; providing cargo support to Indian shipping industry through Right of First Refusal (RoFR); allowing shipping enterprises based in India to acquire ships abroad and flag them in the country of their convenience; bringing parity in the tax regime of Indian seafarers employed on Indian flag ships vis-à-vis those on foreign flag ships; removal of licensing requirement for chartering of foreign registered ships for encouraging coastal movement of agriculture and other commodities, fertilizers, EXIM laden Transshipment Containers and Empty containers, etc.

(d) There is no Major port under purview of the approved implementation of 'Sagarmala' programmes towards privatization.
