

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1390

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th NOVEMBER, 2016

EFFICIENCY OF SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

1390. SHRI RAM CHARITRANISHAD:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

पोतपरिवहनमंत्री

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India Limited (SCI) proposes to buy fuel efficient ships/vessels by replacing the old stock and if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the fleet of vessels under SCI has become old and if so, the total number of vessels operational under SCI, category and age-wise;
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by SCI for improvement in operational efficiency and cost reduction;
- (d) whether SCI proposes to focus on coastal trade, expansion of break bulk and project cargo business and optimization of equipment inventory; and
- (e) if so, the details and the objectives thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a)&(b): The current shipping fleet of SCI is largely fuel efficient and in compliance with recommended Energy Efficient Design Index (EEDI) and Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP). The average age of SCI vessels is 9.84 years and SCI is mindful of fuel efficiency parameters in its ship acquisition plans of two offshore vessels and one each of crude oil tanker and gas carrier. The category and age-wise details of SCI's operational vessels are as follows :

Sl. No.	Vessel type	Fleet size	Avg. Age (years)
1	Bulk Carriers	16	5.20
2	Crude Oil Tankers	16	12.75
3	Product Tankers	14	9.20
4	Gas Carriers	2	25.73
5	Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs)	5	8.04
6	Container vessels	5	16.96
7	Offshore supply vessels	10	4.48
8	Passenger vessel	1	41.98
	Total	69	

(c)to(e):SCI is reducing its costs by increasing operational efficiency and reducing breakdowns. It has taken several measures towards lowering fuel consumption by using fuel additives, trim optimization, slow steaming (when feasible), hull cleaning, optimization of equipment inventory, reduction of excess container inventory, vendor renegotiation to obtain lower container per-diem rate reflecting current market situation and reduction of procurement costs for lube oils. SCI is maintaining its focus on coastal trade mainly in coastal crude transportation and transportation of coal to meet increased demand of power generation. SCI is also concentrating on increasing its presence on coastal and near coastal trade and has

commenced a weekly container service on the East coast and West coast of India connecting to Persian Gulf besides operating India-Myanmar shipping service. SCI also participates in the transportation of breakbulk and project cargo especially in the defence and power sector. A wholly owned subsidiary “Inland & Coastal Shipping Limited” has been incorporated for undertaking transportation services through inland waterways, coastal shipping and end to end logistics.
