

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1407

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016

INCIDENTS OF ATTACKS ON VESSELS

1407. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the number of Indian sailors captured by pirates during the last three years and the current year along with the number of sailors released subsequently;
- (b) the details of shipping lines/routes which suffer maximum number of incidents of attacks on shipping vessels; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The number of Indian crew hijacked by pirates during the last three years and the current year along with the number of crew released are as under:-

Year	Indian crew Hijacked	Indian crew Released
2013	46	46
2014	30	29*
2015	Nil	Nil
2016 (Till date)	Nil	Nil

\* One Chief Engineer was found dead after attack of pirates.

- (b) The shipping routes which suffer incidents of attacks are Gulf of Aden (East Coast of Africa), Malacca Strait and West Coast of Africa.
- (c) Steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future are:-
  - (i) Guidelines for anti-piracy measures issued through Merchant Shipping Notice No.1 of 2011 dated 14.1.2011 to be implemented by Indian Ships. The guidelines provide for elaborate anti-piracy measures (Best Management Practices), including safe house/citadel for vessels.
  - (ii) Banning of sailing vessels to ply in waters south or west of the line adjoining Salalah and Male through Merchant Shipping Notice No. 3/2010 dated 31.3.2010.
  - (iii) Naval escorts provided by Indian naval ships in the Gulf of Aden since 2008 for Indian flag merchant ships.
  - (iv) Enhanced vigil by the Indian Navy in the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and westward upto 65 degree east longitude.

- (v) Active participation of India in the security meetings of the International Maritime Organization, Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) and other international fora.

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