

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6383

TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th APRIL, 2018

SHIPPING CORPORATION OF INDIA

6383. SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:

SHRI A. ANWHAR RAAJHAA:

SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has huge area of vacant land lying unutilized and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the SCI has taken steps for utilization of the vacant land for 'Housing for All' scheme and other purposes and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the fleet of vessels under the SCI has become old and if so, the total number of vessels which are operational, category and age-wise;
- (d) the measures taken/being taken by the SCI for improvement of the operational efficiency and cost reduction;
- (e) whether the SCI proposes to focus on coastal trade, expansion of break bulk and project cargo business and optimization of equipment inventory and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the SCI to compete with private shipping companies which are earning in huge profit?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): Majority of SCI's fleet is modern and young with an average age of 10.49 years (as on 27.03.2018) and all the vessels are operational. Informatively, Indian fleet average age stands at 18.9 years. Category-wise fleet position of SCI as on 27.03.2018 is as under:

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Particulars	No of vessels	G.T.	DWT	Avg. age (years)
Tanker - Crude Oil Carriers	16	1,128,570.00	2,083,215.00	13.60
Tanker - Product Carriers	13	505,811.00	862,924.74	9.50
Tankers – VLCC	5	812,551.00	1,590,809.00	9.39
Gas carriers	3	82,062.00	88,705.00	23.56
Bulk Carriers	16	603,808.00	1,068,088.00	6.55
Container vessels	3	109,321.00	144,500.00	14.37
Offshore Supply vessels	10	24,535.00	25,238.38	5.26
Passenger-cum-Cargo	1	9,700.00	5,140.00	43.33
Total	67	3,276,358	5,868,620.12	

(d): SCI has taken a number of steps to improve operational efficiency and cost reduction, some of which include trim optimization, periodic hull cleaning, use of fuel additives, predictive maintenance, condition based maintenance etc. SCI has also conducted energy audits of vessels and has implemented recommendations to save/conserves energy. SCI has also implemented SRM (Supplier Relationship Management) module for spares procurement and planned repairs, which ensures global participation, maximum competition, quality and overall cost benefits to SCI.

(e): SCI has always been a key player in transportation of goods on the Indian coast and is the biggest player in transportation of refined petroleum products and crude oil on the Indian coast. SCI's dry bulk ships are actively involved in transporting coal and iron ore on the Indian coast. SCI has since inception nurtured coastal trade and played a pivotal role in diverting cargoes to coastal trade. In the Liner sector, SCI has been making renewed efforts for establishing its dominance in the coastal and near coastal trade. Accordingly, SCI has increased its presence in the container trade with a weekly service between the East Coast and the West Coast of India, calling the Persian Gulf on the West.

(f): Considering the prevailing market scenario and in order to capitalize on the immediate opportunities available in the market, SCI has already acquired two second hand off shore vessels (MPSV) viz; 'SCI Sabarmati' and 'SCI Saraswati' on 18.11.2016 and 07.07.2017 respectively and one second hand Suezmax tanker 'Desh Abhimaan' on 26.04.2017. SCI has also taken steps to strengthen its presence in the gas carrier sector by acquiring one second hand VLGC (Very Large Gas Carrier) 'Nanda Devi' on 14.09.2017. These newly inducted vessels in SCI fleet are expected to have an impact on SCI's top line.

On the operations front, SCI has rationalized manning on board SCI vessels, which helps in reducing manning costs. SCI has secured long term cargoes in the form of various COAs (Contracts of Affreightment) with Indian Oil PSUs to ensure seamless and gainful employment for its vessels.
