

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *48
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th DECEMBER, 2018

COLLISION OF SHIPS

*48. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether a number of collision incidents has been reported between ships/Indian merchant vessels and fishing vessels off the Indian coast;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents that came to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Directorate General of Shipping has proposed the establishment of a Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) off the South-West coast of India to prevent such collision incidents and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has consulted all the stakeholders in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the proposed scheme is likely to come into force; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for navigational safety and the separation of opposing streams of traffic to reduce incidents of collision in Indian waters?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L.MANDAVIYA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The number of collision incidents reported between Indian merchant vessels and fishing vessels during each of the last three years and the current year is as follow:-

Year	No. of Collision incidents
2015	Nil
2016	01
2017	02
2018 (till Dec. 7)	04

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The proposed Traffic Separation Scheme(TSS) consists of lanes (for opposing traffic) with a 5 nautical miles width and a separation zone of 1 nautical mile (making an overall width of 11 nautical mile). The northernmost tip of the TSS originates at a distance of about 90 nautical miles west of Karwar, Karnataka and leads in a south easterly direction to the southernmost tip, which is about 40 nautical miles South of Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu. The proposed TSS between these two tips is located at an average distance of about 50 to 60 nautical miles or more from the coast.

The proposal is in consultation stage and has been prepared after taking inputs of various agencies and also taking into consideration past collision incidents off the Indian coast, traffic patterns of merchant vessels for the past years, consideration of optimum sea routes in consonance with the current traffic flow, including simplification of traffic in converging areas off the coast of Kerala. The proposal has also considered aspects pertaining to safety of navigation, maritime security and the separation of opposing streams of traffic to reduce incidents of collision in Indian waters.

(e) The steps being taken for the safety of navigation and to reduce incidents of collision in Indian waters are as follows:-

- (i) Safety advisories are being promulgated frequently through satellite and terrestrial methods to all vessels.
- (ii) Ships routing system [(TSS) , Safety Fairways, etc.] exist in certain areas of Indian waters. Also, the proposed TSS of the south-west coast of India is being considered to enhance safety of navigation and to reduce incidents of collision in Indian waters.
