

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1329
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th December, 2015

AGE NORMS FOR OFFSHORE LOGISTIC SUPPORT VESSELS

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पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has introduced new guidelines or issued directives/suggestion to introduce age norms for charter hiring of Offshore Logistic Support Vehicles and if so, the details thereof;

(b) The details of Indian vessels rendered out of service after the introduction of said age norms;

(c) Whether the number of foreign flagged vessels being chartered for Offshore Logistic Support has increased after introduction of the said norm; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतन्त्र प्रभार) (श्री धर्मेन्द्र प्रधान)

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARAMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited introduced age norms for charter hire of Offshore Logistics Support Vessels in 2012 in stages as shown below:-

1. The upper age limit of 27 years for the tenders to be published in 2012-13.
2. The upper age limit of 24 years for the tenders to be published in 2013-14.
3. The upper age limit of 21 years for the tenders to be published in 2014-15.

The upper age limit of 21 years is being maintained from 15-16 onwards.

(b) The details of Indian vessels rendered out of service after the introduction of said age norms are as under:-

Name of vessel	Shipping Company	Year built	Age (years)
Sea Cheetah	M/s. Hind Offshore	1983	32
Sea Jumbo		1978	37
Adinath One	M/s. Great United Energy	1992	23

Note:

Another vessel OSV Manak 1 aged 30 years, did not participate in the tender.

(c) & (d)- After introduction of age norms, 4 Nos. of foreign flag vessels were inducted in total fleet of 74 vessels. However, the Right of First Refusal is given for Indian Flag Vessels. In case, Indian Flag vessels do not match the lowest rates, then these rates are offered to foreign flag vessels.

The following are the details of the foreign flag vessels:-

Name of vessel	Shipping Company	Age at the time of induction (Years)	Present Age (Years)	Crew Members	Remarks
Energy Girl	M/s. Hind Offshore Pvt Ltd	27	30	Indian	due to de-hire in Mar 2016
Ma Devi	M/s. Global Offshore Pvt Ltd	5	5	Indian	
Halul 26	M/s. ABS Marine Pvt Ltd	8	8	Indian	
Halul 27	M/s. ABS Marine Pvt Ltd	7	7	Indian	
