

shoot up further. However, it is reported that, the fleet additions to the overall dry bulk fleet is expected to slow down from about 15% in 2010 & 2011 to 13.7% in 2012 and 9.2% in 2013. This is expected to somewhat help in stabilizing the market and improving the situation in years to come.

Ship mishaps in Mumbai

2635. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of ship mishaps in Mumbai is increasing day by day;

(b) if so, the number of ships which met with mishaps during the last two years along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether proper guidelines or symbols have been installed by the shipping department to guide the ships?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of ship mishaps during the last two years and reasons therefor are as under:

(1) 1.04.2010 to 31.03.2011 - 2

(i) Collision between M.V. MSC Chitra & M.V. Khalijia 3 on 07.08.2010. As per the statutory enquiry's findings, the collision between M.V. MSC CHITRA & M.V. KHALIJIA 3, was due to lack of professional competency demonstrated by both the masters in the navigation of their respective vessels in narrow waters.

(ii) Collision between M.V. Nordlake and Indian Naval Ship Vindhyagiri on 30.01.2011. The collision between M.V. Nordlake and Indian Naval Ship Vindhyagiri was reportedly due to the casual attitude and negligence of concerned duty personnel on the ship as well as ashore. The in-experience of pilots was also a contributory factor.

(2) 1.04.2011 to 31.03.2012- 3

- (i) M.V. Wisdom (Flag Singapore) was beached at Juhu, Mumbai on 11.06.2011 and was successfully salvaged and towed away using Emergency Towing Vessel. The prevailing monsoon weather condition was the reason for the drifting of the vessel.
- (ii) M.V. Pavit (Flag Singapore) was also beached at Juhu on 31.07.2011 and was refloated and towed away. During the voyage, the vessel encountered very adverse weather conditions which prompted the crew to abandon the vessel on 29.06.2011 off the coast of Oman. The main engine of the vessel had also failed.
- (iii) M.V. Rak Carrier (Flag Panama) was on voyage from Singapore to Dahej when it encountered several machinery breakdowns and also ingress of water in its cargo holds. The vessel reached off coast of Mumbai on 19.07.2011 and was waiting for spare parts. However, due to increased ingress of water in the cargo holds, the vessel capsized on 04.08.2011. The primary cause was poor maintenance of the vessel and ineffective monitoring and support by the owners of the vessel.

(c) Yes, Sir. The following steps have been taken by Ministry of Shipping/DG (Shipping):

1. The ship routing measures have been improved by marking precautionary areas, fishing lanes, and developing of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) including for use of VTS for both the ports of MbPT & JNPT.
2. Automatic Identification System (AIS) based aids to navigation have been established by placing 6 virtual markers in the approach channel.
3. New equipment for effective monitoring of vessel traffic services has been installed at MbPT & JNPT.

4. Four mandatory ship-reporting points demarcating various sectors of the navigational channel have been identified.
5. Suitable location for safe embarkation/disembarkation of pilots has been provided for both the Ports.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Short Notice Question. Shri Om Prakash Mathur. ...*(Interruptions)*... He is not putting the question. The answer can be laid on the Table. ...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI C.P. JOSHI) : Sir, with your permission, I lay the answer on the Table.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Okay, laid on the Table. ...*(Interruptions)*... Does anybody want to put any supplementary question? ...*(Interruptions)*... Does anybody want to put any supplementary question? ...*(Interruptions)*... No supplementary. So, I go to the next item. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Rise in cases of road accidents

5. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per a recent survey, there is a steep rise in deaths due to road accidents in the country, particularly in Rajasthan and Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details of accidents occurred in the country particularly on National Highways in 2012 as compared to 2011, State-wise; and
- (c) what is Government's future strategy to reduce road accidents in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI C.P. JOSHI) : (a) No Sir. As per the latest issue of "Road Accidents in India, 2011" published by the Transport Research Wing of the Ministry, the annual growth rate in the number of deaths due to road accidents has decreased to 5.9 per cent during 2011 as compared