

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2205
ANSWERED ON-15.03.2021

RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPPING DUE TO COVID-19

2205. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current restrictions on Shipping, to and from the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- (b) whether Government has a record of industries that have suffered due to Shipping restrictions over the past year, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a)& (b) There has been no restriction on shipping at any point of time. The Government of India recognizing the role of Shipping in world trade and commerce and in maintaining the logistic supply chain took several steps to ensure continued shipping operations. During the pandemic and national lock-down the port and shipping services were kept functional. Several Orders and Standard Operating Procedures were issued to facilitate crew change at Indian shores/foreign ports and e-passes for their inter and intrastate transits. Due to these pro-active measures, all Indian ships and ports have been kept in functional condition during the pandemic.
