

[English]

Foreign Exchange Earned by Shipping Corporation of India

2989. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the Shipping Corporation of India during each of last three years;

(b) the foreign exchange spent by the Shipping Corporation of India during the above period on the repairs and maintenance of its ships; and

(c) the amount of financial assistance given by the Union Government to the corporation during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH WAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The amount of foreign exchange earned by Shipping Corporation of India and that spent on repairs and maintenance during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Earned	Spent on repairs & maintenance (Rs. in crores)
1988-89 (9 months)	175	33
1989-90	264	43
1990-91	296	57

(c) The financial assistance by way of loan given by Government to Shipping Cor-

poration of India during the last three years is as under:-

Year	(Rs. in crores)
1988-89	109.40
1989-90	138.41
1990-91	84.29

Trade between India and China

2990. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK:
SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether trade between India and China has been declining during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of Indo-China trade during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Indo-China Joint Business council at their meeting held in New Delhi recently has drawn up some schemes to boost trade and identified areas for trade between the two countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India-China bilateral trade during the last three years was as under: