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OFFICES OF MERCANTILE MARINE DEPARTMENTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mercantile Marine Departments (MMD) have offices in various ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the ports where MMD have its offices;
- (c) whether the Government have not expanded the number of offices of MMD;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the steps proposed to review the total functioning of MMD; and
- (f) the number of new offices proposed to be opened by MMD?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. There are 9 Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs) in various ports in the country. These are divided into 3 maritime districts at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata. The MMD offices at Mumbai, Kochi, Goa and Jamnagar are under the control of Mumbai district, MMD offices at Chennai, Tuticorin and Vizag are controlled by the Chennai district and the MMD offices at Kolkata and Port Blair are under Kolkata district. The number of the offices of MMDs could not be expanded owing to the economy instructions of the Government.

(e) & (f) There is a proposal to review the functioning of the MMDs, in view of the ever increasing work load and the number of International Maritime Organisation Conventions/Protocols ratified by the Government of India.