

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO- NORWAY AGREEMENT IN SHIPPING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Norway has proposed for a comprehensive agreement in the field of "Shipping and Ship Construction"; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): A draft agreement on Maritime Transport between Norway and India has been received from the Norwegian side. The agreement provides for cooperation between the two countries in maritime transport areas such as vessels and port facilities, multimodal transport, cabotage, commercial presence, recognition of seafarers identity documents, crew movement, training of personnel etc. However, it does not propose cooperation in the field of ship construction. The agreement is being examined.