

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

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ACQUISITION OF SHIPS VESSELS BY SCI
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) proposes to acquire additional ships/vessels during 2007-08;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the ships/vessels;
- (d) the time by which new ships/vessels will be acquired by SCI;
- (e) whether tender for acquiring ships were invited in the recent past; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) has a plan to order of 31 vessels during 2007-08 with an estimated expenditure of Rs.1280.71 crore as per details given below:

Name of the Project	No. of vessels	Estimated Expenditure during 2007-08 (Rs. in crore)
Handymax Bulk Carriers	6	181.56
Off-shore Supply Vessel	5	66.75
Capesize Bulk Carriers	2	124.60
Suezmax tankers	2	138.84
Afframax tankers	4	234.96
Large Range-II Product tankers	2	121.04
Container Vessels	2	124.60
Panamax Bulk Carriers	4	128.16
Chemical Carriers	4	160.20

SCI has so far placed orders for the construction of 6 vessels in the current financial year. The vessels will be delivered from September, 2010 to April, 2011. The SCI has also placed orders for the construction of 12 vessels during 2005-06 which will be delivered from October 2008 to July, 2010.

The SCI has already floated global tenders for the acquisition of 16 vessels. Out of this, the tender for acquisition of 6 vessels has been finalized. The tender for the remaining vessels would be floated during the current financial year (2007-08).