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Wednesday, July 27, 1977/Saravana 5,
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The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the
Clock

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*].

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

**Purchase of Ore-Bulk-Oil Carrier
by Shipping Corporation of India
from Yugoslavia**

*646. SHRI PRASANNBHAI
MEHTA: Will the Minister of SHIP-
PING AND TRANSPORT be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Shipping Corporation
of India had taken the delivery of its
fourth giant ore-bulk-oil carrier from
the split shipyard in Yugoslavia;

(b) if so, the total cost of expendi-
ture involved;

(c) what will be its main uses; and

(d) whether Government are con-
sidering to purchase one more such
ship?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI
MORARJI DESAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) US \$ 23.80 million.

(c) The ship will be used mainly
to carry our imports of crude oil or
grains and export of iron ore.

(d) No, Sir.

SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA: I
would like to know from the hon.
Prime Minister whether such type of
vessels that were purchased earlier,

are found satisfactory in working or
are found defective? Whether it is
true that they could not be repaired
here and were sent to foreign coun-
tries from where they were plying?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: There
were cracks in the bottom of those
two ships but that did not affect their
working. They can be repaired.

SHRI PRASANNBHAI MEHTA:
What impact these giant ships have
made in our import and export trade
and in the economic working of the
Corporation?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: These
carriers were purchased when there
was a boom in the world market for
such giant ships. They could have
been more profitably deployed at that
time. This is how these four ships
worth about Rs. 70 crores were pur-
chased. There was profit for three
years but now there is a loss of about
Rs. 5 crores on these four ships. We
are trying to see how best we can
make use of them.

SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:
When was the order actually placed
and when was the delivery taken?
Whether there is any proposal to
manufacture such type of ships in our
country?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: These
orders were placed in 1971 and 1973
and they were delivered in time.
There is no capacity for making such
big ships here in our yards and that
is why they were purchased from out-
side. Now the question is not of add-
ing such ships to our fleet but how
to employ them profitably. Therefore
we are trying to put them to the best
possible use.

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO: May I know the total GRT of bulk carriers owned by the Shipping Corporation of India and whether they are sufficient to meet the requirements to import crude from outside?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: Well, at present, we have capacity to bring all the crude that we have to bring. But we are going on increasing our tonnage in bulk carriers so that ultimately we can compete with the best fleet in the world.

SHRI DHRENDRANATH BASU: May I know from the hon. Prime Minister whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Shipyard at Vizag has started manufacturing such a ship and, if so, when the manufacture is likely to be completed?

MR. SPEAKER: It does not arise out of this Question.

SHRI VINODBHAI B. SETH: I want to know from the hon. Prime Minister whether such ships can be constructed in this country, particularly, in the Garden Reach Workshop at Calcutta which constructs ships of 26,000 DWT and, secondly, whether such ships can be constructed in the ship building yards of Hazira and Paradip which will be economical to the country?

MR. SPEAKER: It does not arise.

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: May I know from the hon. Prime Minister whether it is a fact that India does not have such berths at any of the ports available today to accommodate these super tanker ships?

SHRI MORARJI DESAI: These four ships can be accommodated in our ports.

Percentage of Harijans in BSF and C.R.P.

*647. **SHRIMATI KAMALA BAHUGUNA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take necessary administrative steps to assure fair chance of recruitment of Harijans in the Central Reserve Police and Border Security Force;

(b) what is the percentage of Harijans in the Boarder Security Force and Central Reserve Police as on 30th May, 1977; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to increase their percentage?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) B.S.F. 14.26 per cent

C.R.P.F. 12.0 per cent

(c) Special recruitment drives are organised and prescribed standards are relaxed, wherever necessary, to recruit more Harijans.

श्रीमती कमला बहुगुणा : यह जो गैप थोड़ा सा रह गया है यह किस वजह से है ? क्या आप कैटेगरीवाइज बता सकेंगे कि कितना परसेंटेज किस कैटेगरी में है हरिजनों का ?

श्री चरण सिंह : गैप तो है इससे इन्कार नहीं किया जा सकता है और बीस साल पहले तो सारा ही था । गैप धीरे-धीरे कम हो रहा है । क्लास एक में चार परसेंट है । क्लास दो जो डाक्टरों तक कनफाईंड है और जिस में 27 हैं उस में जीरो है । कुल क्लास एक और दो में चार परसेंट है हरिजनों का । क्लास तीन में 11.76 है और क्लास 4 में 33 परसेंट है । स्वीपर्स का है अरसी परसेंट ।

श्रीमती कमला बहुगुणा : ये जो क्लास 2 में नहीं आए या आपको मिले नहीं हैं क्या ये ताम्बू पर पूरे नहीं उतरे जो पुलिस ने निर्धारित किए थे ?