

Year	Ships	Mechanized Sailing Vessels (MSV)
2009	7	4
2010	11	10
2011	4	5
Total	22	19

(c) The Government has initiated various preventive/mitigating security measures that are as follows:

- (i) An Inter-Ministerial Group of Officers (IMGO) has been set up to deal with hostage situation arising out of the hijacking of merchant vessels with Indian crew on board.
- (ii) Issuance of Notices by Director General of Shipping detailing elaborate anti-piracy measures (Best Management Practices) including safe house/citadel.
- (iii) Banning of sailing vessels to ply in waters south or west of the line joining Salalah and Male.
- (iv) Naval escort provided by Indian Naval Ships in Gulf of Aden.
- (v) Enhanced vigil by Indian Navy in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and westward up to 65 degree east longitude.

Dumping of toxic waste by ships

1974. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ship Probo Koala containing tons of hazardous asbestos, after being banned by Bangladesh, headed to India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that India is becoming the dumping ground for toxic waste belonging to ships endangering the human lives and environment; and
- (d) if so, the action proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN): (a) and (b) Ship Probo Koala has not visited the Indian shore as per the information received from the various ports and Mercantile Marine Departments as on 10.08.2011.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.