

SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

The Directorate of shipping services presently operates 77 vessels in different categories. There are 17 vessels under construction in different shipyards. The Directorate intends to acquire 26 vessels of various sizes during the Xth five year plan. The achievements made by this Directorate for the year 2002-03 are as follows: -

Minor Achievements

The following vessels have been acquired during 2002

(a) 75 pax cum 50 ton cargo vessel- 3 nos.

(b) 50 pax motor launches – 2 nos.

1. One No. 400 pax cum 100 ton cargo vessel ordered during 1987 with HDPEL, Kolkata did not progress due to various reasons attributed to the builder. The same has recommenced and a supplementary agreement was executed between A&N Administration and the builder during July 2002 for completion of vessel within 24 months.

Achievements

1. Two-nos. 75 pax cum 50-ton cargo vessels and two nos. 100- pax vessels under construction at different shipyards are likely to be delivered.
2. One No. 400-ton cargo vessel under construction is expected to be delivered by 2003.
3. The department is examining the feasibility of chartering few passenger vessels depending on its suitability to meet the passenger demand in Inter Island Sector.
4. The Department is also working on the comprehensive computerization plan to be implemented during the current financial year.
5. The order for 5 No. Self-propelled barges meant for southern group of Islands is likely to be placed.

Future Plans Targets

The following 22 vessels of various types are proposed to be acquired during the Xth five year plan period.

1.	1000 passenger vessel	1 No.
2.	500 Passenger vessel	1 No
3.	250 passenger vessel	2 Nos
4.	Rescue Boat	2 Nos.
5.	Vehicle ferry vessel	4 Nos.
6.	Self propelled Barges	5 Nos.
7.	100 passenger mortar launches	5 Nos.
8.	150 passenger harbour cruise vessel	2 nos.

In addition, the following vessels of 9th plan are also proposed to be acquired during the Xth plan period:

1.	Self propelled Barges	2	Tender specifications being prepared
2.	Motor launches	1	Tender specifications being prepared
3.	500 passenger vessel	1	EFC proposal being forwarded to Govt. of India
	TOTAL	4	