

Shipping Minister Interacts with High Level Belgian Delegation

The Union Minister of Shipping, Hon'ble Shri G.K.Vasan met a high level Belgian delegation in Mumbai on 27th November 2013. The 300 member delegation comprised Her Royal Highness Princess Astrid of Belgium; the Federal Deputy Prime Minister, Mr.Didier Reynders, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs among others.

The Minister pointed out that Belgium is India's 2nd largest trading partner in the European Union, with more than 150 Belgian Companies in India with interests in dredging, chemicals, engineering goods, electronics and software, etc.

In the maritime sector India and Belgium have signed a MOU in 1997 which is now extended upto 2015. The two countries have Sister Port Arrangements for sharing of information on port infrastructure development and operations and service improvement. Presently, Chennai Port with Port of Zeebrugge and JN Port and Mumbai Port with Antwerp Port Authority have sister port agreements.

The Hon'ble Minister said that there are several bilateral treaties and agreements between the two countries and business relations between Belgium and India are flourishing.



