

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.134

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th NOVEMBER, 2016

ACCIDENTS ON INDIAN WATERS

*134. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether accidents involving Indian ships/vessels on sea water/Indian water and National Waterways have been reported, and if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the loss of life and property as a result thereof;
- (c) the rescue and relief mechanism in place;
- (d) the number of domestic and international ships/vessels which sunk during the said period; and
- (e) whether the Government propose to upgrade and fine tune the rescue and relief operation, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISNAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the house.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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- (a) (i) Details of the marine accidents reported under section 358 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 as amended from time to time involving Indian flag ships/vessels at sea/ Indian waters during the last three years and the current year are as under:-

2013	2014	2015	2016(till 31 st October.)
38	20	8	21

- (ii) No accident involving Indian cargo ship/vessel has been reported in the National Waterways in the last three years and the current year.

- (b) (i) Details of incidents involving loss of life and property reported under section 358 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 in sea water/Indian water are as under:-

	2013	2014	2015	2016 (till 31 st October)
Loss of life	05	06	01	01
Loss of Property	23	11	07	13

- (ii) No loss of life and property has been reported in the National Waterways during the last three years and current year.

- (c): Details of the rescue and relief mechanism in place are:-

- (i) The Directorate General of Shipping has 24/7 communication centre where information with regard to any marine casualty on or near the coast of India of any Indian ship is required to be reported in accordance with the section 358 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended.
- (ii) Immediately on receipt of a report, the information related to such accident is forwarded to the concerned Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Center (MRCC) of the Indian Coast Guard which has been mandated to coordinate National maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) objectives. Director General, Coast Guard is the National Maritime Search and Rescue Coordinating Authority (NMSARCA).
- (iii) There is an International Convention on Search and Rescue [SAR Convention] adopted internationally in the year 1979. India is a party to the said Convention.

- (iv) As far as National Waterways are concerned, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) deploys multipurpose Tugs (MPT) on National Waterways for rescue and relief operations.

- (d) Number of domestic and international ships/vessels which sunk in the Sea Water/Indian Water during the last three years and the current year is as under:-

	2013	2014	2015	2016(till 31 st October)
Domestic ships	3	1	0	1
International ships	2	0	1	1

(e) To upgrade and fine tune the rescue and relief operation, Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducts exercises, the outcome of which is incorporated into their Standard Operating Procedures/training programmes. As far as National Waterways are concerned, there is adequate existing arrangement to meet the contingencies of rescue and relief operations.
