GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2851 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.12.2018

Oil Spills

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of cases of oil spills reported in Indian maritime zones in the last four years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has developed a detailed procedure to deal with cases of oil spills in coastal and maritime zones of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the major achievements of central coordinating agency for combating oil pollution in coastal and maritime zones during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) According to Indian Coast Guard (ICG), following incidents of oil spills were reported in Indian Ocean region during last four years:

Location and date of incident	Quantity	Reason of Spill
Drill Ship- Platinum Explorer	80 Barrels (App.	Inadvertent internal transfer
(ONGC) off Paradip on	3.8 KL)	during drilling operations.
22.08.2014		
Off Kamarajar Port, Ennore,	151.45Metricton	Collisionbetween MT
Tamilnadu on 28.01.2017		Dawn Kanchlpuram, and
		MT BW Mapia.
Outer Anchorage Mumbai	2-3 Drums of	Accidental spillage during
Harbour on 30.01.2018	Bunker Oil	bunker transfer on MT
		Jipro Neftis.
Kamarajar Port, Ennore,	02 Tons of	Accidental spillage from
Tamilnadu on 18.10.2018	Furnace Fuel	MT Coral Stars due to
	Oil	bursting of fuel line

(b)&(c) As per the Allocation of Business Rules, 1961 (amendment 2002), ICG is nodal agency for dealing with the incidents of oil spill within territorial limits of India. The ICG is implementing National Contingency Plan for Oil Spill Disaster (NOS-DCP) which delineates the responsibilities of various authorities and their

jurisdiction. ICG being the Competent National Authority and National Operational Authority for oil and chemical spills, supports all authorities in meeting their functional responsibilities for pollution response through NOS-DCP.

(d) The ICG has reported that it has responded to all the reported cases of spills and contained them. The spills have been managed by deploying pollution response equipment. Further, compensation has been claimed by ICG from polluters and the same has been deposited in Government treasury.
