GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1034.
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH JUNE, 2019

LOSSES BY NATURAL CALAMITIES

1034. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of losses incurred by the shipping sector due to cyclones and other natural calamities in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the role played by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in reducing the said losses; and

(c) the extent to which the Indian Coast Guard has been supported to carry out better search and rescue operations in such natural calamities ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) Details of losses incurred by the shipping sector due to cyclones and other calamities in the country during the last three years and current year are as follows:

Year	Merchant Vessels (MV)	Mechanized Sailing Vessels (MSV)
2016	Nil	Nil
2017	Nil	01 (MSV Herman Mary / Arokiamary- reportedly sunk on 01.12.2017, off Tamil Nadu Coast due to Cyclone Ockhi
2018	Nil	Nil
2019	Nil	Nil

b) NDMA regularly conducts Mock Exercises for various hazards, including cyclone, to sensitize all the stakeholders regarding preventive and mitigation measures as well as to test the efficacy of disaster management plans. Till date 22 such Mock Exercises on cyclone have been conducted throughout the country.

c) The Indian Coast Guard was supported by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to help conduct aerial search for stranded seafarers on high seas by respective Search and Rescue authorities and sharing information on sighting of seafarers during the cyclone. Also, Marine Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) of Indian Coast Guard was requested to provide inputs on Search and Rescue operations from time to time. In addition, the DGS alerted the merchant vessels to keep sharp lookout and render assistance to the stranded seafarers in their vicinity.

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