

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4091
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2019

FIRE NEAR MAZAGON DOCK

4091. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a fire broke out recently at an under construction warship of the Indian Navy near Mazagon dock;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of casualties reported;
- (c) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the fire break out; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A fire broke out onboard Yard 12704 at Deck 30 on 21 June, 2019 when tank cleaning was being carried out by a contractor's worker using a portable electric grinding machine for cleaning. One (01) casualty was reported.

(c) & (d): A committee has been constituted to investigate the cause of fire. Preliminary investigations indicate that the fire might have been caused due to short circuit in the contractor's portable electric grinding machine that was being used for tank cleaning work. Action taken in this regard is as under:-

- (i) Two concerned executives have been placed under suspension.
- (ii) Work awarded to the contractor's firm has been put on hold.
- (iii) Fire safety and accident prevention system and organization onboard ship have been further strengthened.
- (iv) Efforts are afoot by MDL for speedy payment of compensation to the deceased.
