

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2020

PREVENTION OF COVID-19

2015. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) Whether the Government has taken initiative to prevent unfold of COVID-19 from the shipping ports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had initiated payload check in wake of COVID-19; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the number of people tested and found COVID-19 positive in all such facilities?

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. All kinds of precautions for prevention of COVID-19 were initiated and implemented as per guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, such as periodic disinfection by Sodium hypochlorite solution of all office building and operational areas, necessary PPE such as masks, gloves, sanitizers and PPE kits were issued wherever required. Training and awareness programme conducted. A separate fever clinic was set up at Port Hospitals and quarantine facility was made available especially for seafarers. Presently, special beds are made available for treatment of asymptomatic COVID cases equipped with oxygen supply, pulse oximeter, thermal scanners and supportive equipment. In all the offices and operational areas, COVID protocol is strictly maintained like social distancing, hand washing, sanitizers, thermal scanning and restricted visitors. All primary contacts were strictly quarantined for 14 days.

Also, DG Shipping has issued orders regarding the precautions to be taken for preventing the spread of the virus through Ship/Port interface. Further the Port Health Organization under the Ministry of Family Welfare official were screening all the ships calling at the port and only on clearance from PHO could other operations take place. As on date, the 68306 number of people tested and found 2560 COVID-19 positive in all such facilities. In the positive cases of COVID-19, Ports have taken necessary action as per the guidelines and SOP issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

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