

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.640**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2021

**SUZE CANAL CRISIS**

640. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether Indian maritime trade got affected as a cargo ship judicially seized by Egypt remain stuck in Suez Canal for a long time in March, 2021; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of Indian ships affected due to the said crisis?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): The EVERGIVEN ship got stuck in the Suez Canal on 23 March 2021 and after numerous salvage operations for 6 days, the ship was freed and the canal, cleared. There was no adverse impact on the overall Indian maritime trade due to the blockage of the Suez canal arising out of the grounding of the vessel Ever Given. One Indian vessel had to wait in queue for the traffic to open up.

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