

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
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OIL SPILLAGE

3230. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:
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- (a) the details of the instances of oil spillage in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea during the last three years;
- (b) whether any study has been conducted after the accident to analyse the impact of oil spilling on aquatic life in the region and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the current method of mitigating the oil spillage and cleaning up the water in the surrounding area; and
- (d) whether the Government is exploring an alternative and newer technologies to clean up the seawater after an oil spill and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) The details of the instances of oil spillage are annexed.
- (b) No
- (c) & (d) Whenever there is an oil spill at sea, measures are instituted for protection, preservation, prevention and control of marine eco-system or collect and- recover the spilled oil before it spreads over a wider area. In the eventuality of a spillage, spray of Oil spill Dispersant(OSD) is undertaken based on Net Environmental Benefit Analysis (NEBA), another preferred method is to contain the spilled oil by using booms or barrier. Physical recovery involves use of skimmers for recovering spilled oil from the water surface in the open seas as well as in coastal waters, after they are contained using boom barriers.

Annexure

S.N.	Details of the instances of oil spillage	Place
1	MT Jipro Neftis MT Jipro Neftis accidentally spilled fuel oil during bunker transfer at Mumbai outer anchorage which resulted in oil spill of 400 Ltrs of bunker oil on 30 th January, 2018.	Arabian Sea
2	MT Coral Stars Kamarajar Port Ltd, Ennore reported accidental spillage of two tons Furnace Fuel Oil (FFO) from MT Coral Stars. The tanker was discharging FFO, when the fuel line bursted leading to oil spill in port on 18 th January, 2018. ICG PR specialist team ex- Chennai closely monitored the situation and provided technical advice to Kamarajar Port Ltd.	Bay of Bengal
3	MT Kalliopi A minor oil spill was reported at SPM Vizag on 11 th August, 2019. MT Kalliopi was discharging crude oil to SPM encountered strong gusting winds and the hose was snapped which resulted into spillage of 40-50 KL of crude oil at sea.	Bay of Bengal
4	MT Desh Shobha A minor oil leakage was reported at SPM Vizag while discharging crude oil from tanker MT Desh Shobha on 04 th October, 2021. This resulted into a spillage of 04-05 KL of Crude oil into sea.	Bay of Bengal
