

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1446
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2016

SINKING OF FIC

1446. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

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

- (a) whether an Indian Navy Craft T-304 and First Interceptor Craft (FIC) sank recently in north-east of Chennai; and
- (b) if so, the facts and the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): Fast Interceptor Craft (FIC) T-304 on a routine deployment off Chennai, sank on 21.01.2016 in a position approximately 90 nautical miles North East of Chennai, due to reported fire in her engine room. During this deployment, FIC T-304 was in company of Indian Navy Ships Cheriyaam, FAC 83 and FIC T-303. The proactive actions by Cheriyaam resulted in safe rescue of all six personnel onboard FIC T-304.
