

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:363  
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OIL SLICK OFF KANDLA PORT  
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, 'Earthquake causes major oil slick off Kandla Port' appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 27, 2001;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the oil slick is fairly big and deep and spreading fast in the sea water;
- (d) whether the oil slick is from merchant vessels or underground tanks has been ruptured and oil is seeping into the sea;
- (e) if so, the likely major effect on environment in the Gulf of Kutch in Gujarat; and
- (f) the steps taken to handle such ecological problem ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a): There was no oil slick in the Kandla Port due to the earthquake as reported in the Hindustan Times.
- (b) to (f): Do not arise.