

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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OIL POLLUTION AT PORTS

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

- (a) whether the cases of oil pollution in and around the ports are increasing during the last few months;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for mitigating oil pollution at the ports;
- (d) whether the Government has also chalked out any schemes for utilising the oil cess being collected by ports for providing assistance to control oil pollution in and around ports;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Three incidents of oil spill have been reported to have taken place in the Major Ports during this year. Out of these, two incidents reported from Mormugao Port involved spillage of only traces oil. In the first case one Ore carrying barge named M.V. Jay Mahagajant Laxmi registered at Panaji had by mistake pumped out a few liters of bilge water which had traces of oil whereas in the second case traces of oil from the scuppers of M.V. Piro, a ship which had berthed at Berth No. 9 to load iron ore, after a heavy rain shower, which washed small traces of oil from the deck of the ship into the sea water there by causing a minor pollution. The third incident taken place at V.O. Chidambranar Port on 3rd May 2011.

(b): As above.

(c): Some of the major ports already have some facilities for combating Oil Spills in their water. All the major ports have been directed to put in place Tier-I facilities. They have already started taking steps in this direction. They are associating with the oil companies to procure various equipments required for Tier-I facilities.

(d): Yes, Madam.

(e): Oil cess is being collected by ports from the vessels carrying oil. Government is formulating a scheme for utilizing this oil cess to control oil pollution.