

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3918
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LOSSES DUE TO CYCLONE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various ports in the country have incurred huge losses due to the severity of Thane cyclone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for repairing and modernisation of the ports, jetties, ships and shipping boats which are damaged because of the cyclone; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Chennai Port was affected due to the cyclone "Thane" on 30.12.2011.

(b): Details are as below:

(i) A revetment was damaged due to the cyclone; the reclamation work could not be taken up which resulted in delay in handing over of the area to the Second Container Terminal.

(ii) One vessel, M.V. OSM Arena, drifted close to the shore which was towed into deeper waters and approximately Rs. 30 lakhs was incurred for the same, which would be recovered from the vessel owner.

(c) & (d): Technical assistance of IIT Madras, who carried out the original design was obtained to rectify the damaged revetment and to restore the revetment to its original shape. Their suggestions are compromising of two parts viz.

(i) Restoring as per the original design.

(ii) To provide an extra layer of Tetra pad.

As suggested by IIT Madras the stage-I works to restore the revetment to its original shape is taken up and tenders invited and opened on 12.4.2012, Evaluation is under process. The stage- II works to provide an extra layer of Tetra pod will be taken up after exploring the viability and approval.