

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Exxon Valdez ship which was dismantled in the Alang Shipyard caused one of the largest toxic spills;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure environmental protection from toxic spills caused by ship breaking?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a)&(b): The ship 'Exxon Valdez' was not dismantled at the Alang shipbreaking yard.

(c): The State Pollution Control Boards and State Maritime Boards are the responsible agencies to implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India relating to shipbreaking activities. At Alang, a Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facility (TSDF) is in operation for proper disposal of hazardous waste generated due to shipbreaking activities.