

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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POLLUTION AT INDIAN PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether pollution is increasing at the Indian Ports and marine species near port areas are dying due to non compliance of rules and regulations regarding management, handling and movement of hazardous items at Indian ports;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. As reported by various major ports in India there is no incident of marine animals dying due to handling and movement of hazardous items at major ports. Handling and movement of cargo is done complying with rules regulations and other international conventions as per IMDG (International Maritime Dangerous Goods) code.