

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STEEL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1248  
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2009  
DISPOSAL OF SHIP ``RIVER PRINCESS``  
Sardinha Shri Francisco

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of the anchoring of the Ship 'River Princess' near Candolin in Goa for the last nine years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to break/dispose the said ship?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL(SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a)&(b): As per the information provided by various agencies like the Government of Goa; Ministry of Environment & Forest; Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) (Central Board of Excise and Customs) etc., it is intimated that the vessel M.V.River Princess grounded off Sinquerim Beach, Candolim on 6-6-2000.

(c) A Court case is pending in the High Court of Bombay in respect of the ship River Princess. The Government of Goa are required to take necessary action to break/dispose of the said ship by following the orders of the High Court as well as the procedure approved by the Supreme Court of India.