

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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SHIP BREAKING AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a rise in the number of decommissioned ships received by the ship breaking yards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the ships received at different ship breaking yards during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the amount and nature of contaminated material that has arrived at the ship breaking yards of Kerala and Gujarat and the manner in which the same is likely to be disposed off;
- (d) whether any measures have been taken to ensure the safety of the workers working in unhygienic and hazardous conditions at the ship breaking yards; and
- (e) if so, the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Details of ships received for breaking during the last three years and current year are as under:-

Year	Alang	Sosiya	Mumbai	Kerala
2009-10	348	58	05	
2010-11	357	57	02	
2011-12	415	73	01	
2012-13	394			

At present no ship breaking activity is undertaken at Kolkata port.

(c): Before bringing the vessel, it is ensured that the vessel is properly decontaminated. In this regard necessary certificates from surveyors are obtained. In Alang ship breaking yard some waste material is incinerated and some others are landfilled.

(d)&(e): As per the Factories Act 1948, State Factories Inspectorate enforces relevant rules and regulations to avoid safety related hazards and unhygienic working conditions while undertaking ship breaking activities. Besides, helmet, safety shoes, aprons, goggles are provided to the ship breaking workers. Fire fighting pumps are also installed.