

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4084
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2014
SINKING OF MV PRIYANKA
Chavan Shri Harishchandra Deoram

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether MV Priyanka had sunk in sea at a distance of about 20 nautical miles from Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether an order to conduct an enquiry has been given in the said mishap; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The Vessel M.V. Priyanka has run aground off Revadanda, on 13.07.2014 at position 18°33'5" N 72°32'9" E. The Vessel safely continues to be in this position. All the Crew (16) have been safely evacuated.

(c)&(d): As required under Section 359 of the Merchant Shipping Act, the office of the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai has been advised to conduct Preliminary Inquiry into the causes of this Shipping casualty. However, the report of the Master of the vessel indicates that the vessel could not hold her position due to adverse weather condition and drifted and run aground in a position which is away from approaches of port.