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Title : Reported missing of 'Jupiter 6' a cargo ship since 6.9.2005.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, Jupiter 6, a ship which is plying in the deep sea, full of oil, has been missing in the seas of South Africa since 5th September. There were 13 crew members in the ship, out of which 10 are Indians. One of them is from Kerala also. The lives of these crew members might be at stake. We are not sure as to what has happened to them. The report from the Shipping Ministry or from the Director General of Shipping is also not confirmatory to arrive at any of these final conclusions. There are so many things which are very suspicious.[\[r69\]](#)

It is really doubtful whether the ship has sunk or not. It appears that it has not sunk because the machine, which is intended to give the SOS message as to what has happened in the eventuality of this nature, had given a message more than one month after 5th September from which date it was missing. So, that itself is doubtful. It may be a planted message also. There are doubts whether some piracy has occurred or whether the real owners of the ship themselves are bargaining for something or somebody else is probably bargaining just as what had happened in the case of Maniyappan who was an Indian personnel working abroad. So, it is a very serious issue. Therefore, the Indian Government has to look into this issue, make an inquiry, get the experts' help from other countries at the international fora level and come to some kind of conclusion. We have to save them if they are in the hands of somebody. So, something has to be done.

Though the newspapers, almost all the Malayalam and other national newspapers, have highlighted this, the families of these personnel are in high distress. They are in deep agony. So, something has to be done immediately. I urge upon the Government to act upon immediately. The Ministry of Shipping, the

Ministry of External Affairs and also the concerned Ministry must come to safeguard the interests of these crewmen who are, as I said, mainly from India.

It is supposed to be a ship full of oil. Suppose it has sunk somewhere, there is even a doubt of the place where it is supposed to have been sunk. The oil, which has been spilt over, is also minimal. It is a ship full of oil. There are a lot of other doubts also. So, I urge upon the Government to order an inquiry immediately and see that the lives of these personnel are saved if they are living.

DR. K.S. MANOJ I associate with him.

SHRI LONAPPAN NAMBADAN Sir, I also associate with this matter.

SHRIMATI C.S. SUJATHA Sir, I am also associating with him.

MR. CHAIRMAN All right, you can associate with him.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS Sir, this is a major issue. So, we would urge upon the hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister to bring this matter urgently to the notice of the Minister of Shipping and the Minister of External Affairs, including the Prime Minister.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE) I will bring this to their notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has agreed.

Now, Shri Asaduddin Owaisi.

...(Interruptions)

DR. K.S. MANOJ(ALLEPPY) : One of the crewmen is from my constituency....(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Asaduddin Owaisi, you can speak.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record except his speech.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have got a very lengthy chance.

...(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have been given sufficient time to read from a lengthy statement and even its addition.

...(Interruptions)

DR. K.S. MANOJ : I am talking on another matter.