

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3228
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th AUGUST, 2010

MARINE POLLUTION

3228. SHRI K. N. BALAGOPAL:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has noticed about the ever increasing threat of pollution through sea like oil spill and hazardous chemical leakage due to unforeseen circumstances;
- (b) whether any specific research project is initiated for the speedy handling of these kind of marine pollution;
- (c) whether we are in a position to develop hi-tech equipments for handling marine casualties than bringing them from other countries; and
- (d) if not, whether the Ministry would take initiative to start research projects for the above?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES,
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) Yes Sir. During XIth Plan, development of oil spill models is being carried out at selected locations along the Indian coast. The model helps in predicting the trajectory and fate of spilled oil in the marine environment. The model output is useful in contingency planning for combating oil spills during ship grounding, accidents, etc.
- (c) No Sir.
- (d) At present there is no such proposal.

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