

QUESTION DETAILS

MINISTRY OF : SHIPPING

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2520

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019

Regulation of ship breaking industry

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of workers employed at various ship breaking yards in the country and the details of ship breaking yards, State-wise;
- (b) whether the workers in the ship breaking yards are reported to be facing health hazards due to negligence in waste disposal practices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to improve waste disposal practices for well being of these workers;
- (d) whether there is an urgent need for regulatory framework for ship breaking industry in the country; and
- (e) if so, the Steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

(a) Ship breaking yards are located at Alang in Gujarat, Mumbai Port in Maharashtra, Kolkata Port in West Bengal and at Kannur in Kerala. Workers are employed directly by the plot holders/contractors in Alang, Mumbai and Kolkata. Around 8000 workers are employed in ship breaking industry in these yards. 45 persons are employed by Steel Industries Kerala Limited in the ship recycling yard at Kannur (Kerala).

(b) No such report has been received.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Regulatory framework for ship breaking industry is already in place in the form of Shipbreaking Code (Revised), 2013.

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