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**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (CONTD.):** Now the statement by the hon. Minister of State in the Ministry of Shipping, Shri Mansukh L. Mandaviya.

**STATEMENT RE. ACTIONS TAKEN IN AFTERMATH OF SHIP  
COLLISION OFF KAMARAJAR HARBOUR**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA):** Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I rise to make a statement on the actions taken in the aftermath of ship collision which took place off Kamarajar harbour.

Two vessels namely, M.T. BW MAPLE and M.T. DAWN KANCHIPURAM while crossing each other collided at 3.45 A.M. on 28 January, 2017 off the Kamarajar harbour. The vessel M.T. DAWN KANCHIPURAM, which was carrying 32813 Tonnes of POL, suffered a rupture which led to oil spill. There was no casualty or injury to the crew members. My colleague, Shri Pon. Radhakrishnan visited the collision site on 30.01.2017 and inspected the area where the vessels were anchored and gave appropriate directions to the Kamarajar Port officers.

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Kamarajar Port deployed oil boom around the vessel to contain seepage. After examination, the damaged vessel was towed safely and berthed at Kamarajar Port on 30 January 2017. This vessel has already discharged 30013 tonnes of POL and the remaining quantity is expected to be discharged today. This major step has prevented any further possibility of oil spill.

A massive cleanup operation was launched in Tiruvallur, Chennai and Kancheepuram Districts by engaging more than 2000 persons at various sites including Emavur, Chennai Fishing Harbour, Marina Beach, Besant Nagar, Kottivakkam, Palavakkam, Neelankarai and Injambakkam beaches. The Coast Guard has been co-coordinating the cleaning operations jointly with Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port, the State Government and its agencies, Indian Oil Corporation, NGOs, Cadet Trainees from maritime educational institutions and fishermen. A team of senior officers from Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and D.G. Shipping were sent for an on the spot inspection of the affected areas and to coordinate and review the cleaning operations. They also met the Chief Secretary, Government

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of Tamil Nadu who has also held review meetings and is regularly monitoring the remedial measures being taken. The District administration is actively involved in the cleanup operations. The Chennai Port and Kamarajar Port have set up Control Rooms.

At Ernavur, which had the maximum drift of sludge, booms have been deployed along the shore line to contain the oil spread. More than 1000 people were deployed here with portable pollution cleaning equipment for shore line cleaning. The required logistics and equipment support has been provided by the 'Chennai and Kamarajar Ports. Sufficient gum boots, gloves, buckets, mugs, liquid hand wash and drums have been provided to facilitate manual cleaning. In addition, 3 Super Suckers and submersible pumps have also been deployed to remove the oil spill. Coast Guard has also sprayed Oil Spill Dispersants for removal of oil slick.

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**SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA** (contd.): The total quantity of sludge which has been removed till today is 65 tonnes. In addition, Super

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Suckers have removed 54 tonnes which contains 70 per cent water. More than 80 per cent of the work has been completed and most of the residual work is expected to be completed within two-three days. The Indian Oil Corporation has provided special bio-remediation material for treatment of the collected oil sludge for its safe disposal.

The Coast Guard ship and helicopters are carrying out regular sorties for continuous monitoring of oil slick. If oil spillage accumulation is spotted anywhere, manpower and material under the overall supervision of Coast Guard will be deployed.

The Directorate General of Shipping has instituted an inquiry under the Merchant Shipping Act to ascertain the cause and contributory factors that led to the accident. The Government is taking all measures to manage the situation. My colleague, Shri Radhakrishnan P., will also be visiting the affected area again to take stock of the situation.

(Ends)

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY):** Thank you. Now, clarifications. Shri Tiruchi Siva.

**SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:** Thank you, Vice-Chairman, Sir.

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Sir, this is a very, very serious issue in Chennai. Fishermen are not able to... ..(Interruptions)...

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY):** No speech, please; only clarifications.

**SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA (TAMIL NADU):** Yes, I am seeking clarifications, Sir. Fishermen are not able to go out for fishing. I have a very specific clarification. This vessel, which has carried 32,813 tonnes has now discharged 30,013 tonnes; 2,800 tonnes is still remaining. But we would like to know how much has spilled over. The first information that was given by the Port Trust was that it was just one ton. Later, his hon. colleague mentioned 20 tonnes. But now, they say that 65 tonnes of sludge has been removed and the Super Suckers have removed 54 tonnes; also, they say it contains 70 per cent of water. But how has this been evolved? We do not know. So, even when they have agreed that 65 tonnes of sludge has been removed, I feel that much more is left there. Very rare species have perished and died due to this oil spill. Apart from the Government's efforts to remove the sludge, the youth present at the Marina Beach, who were agitating a few days back for *Jallikattu*, voluntarily came forward to help, and they used simple

buckets. Now, technology has gone ahead to a different level and while foreign countries use much higher levels of technology, we are still depending upon buckets and manual operations. I think the Government's intervention on a war-footing alone would save the fishermen and other people as well as the species found in the sea. So, Mr. Minister, you are saying that 80 per cent of the work has been done; but, in reality, it is not so. The situation in Chennai is still very bad. The oil spill has started spreading towards Neelankarai. It was near the Kamarajar Port, but now it has spread up to Mamallapuram. So, this point about 80 per cent recovery is not acceptable, but I would urge the Government to act much more swiftly to set right the situation. Kindly give us the correct statistics. People should not be misguided; we should not be misled with information saying it was one ton earlier, 20 tonnes later and now, 60 tonnes and 54 tonnes. So, any information that is given by the authorities should be factual. It should not mislead the people.

(Ends)

**श्री अजय संचेती (महाराष्ट्र):** माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, जो वहां एक्सीडेंट हुआ है, मैं उस सिलसिले में क्लेरीफिकेशन तो नहीं, लेकिन भारत सरकार को

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सिर्फ इस बात के लिए बधाई देना चाहता हूं कि without any casualty इतनी बड़ी दुर्घटना को स्टेट गवर्नमेंट की मदद से काबू करने की कोशिश की गई है। इसलिए मैं भारत सरकार और राज्य सरकार, दोनों को बधाई देता हूं।

(समाप्त)

**SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:** Sir, one small thing. It says that the vessel had a rupture. When vessels carry such substances that could cause ecological damage, much care should be taken to check if the vessels are certified to sail on the sea.

**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY):** So, it is a suggestion.

(FOLLOWED BY RSS/3K)

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**पोत परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मनसुख एल. मांडविया):** सर, एम.टी. बीडब्ल्यू मैपल और एम.टी. डॉन कांचीपुरम नामक दो शिप्स का एक्सीडेंट हुआ। जब यह एक्सीडेंट हुआ, तो उसके तुरन्त बाद ही सरकार और वहाँ की जो लोकल व्यवस्था थी, डिजास्टर मैनेजमेंट की सारी टीम वहाँ पहुँची। वहाँ पहुँचने के बाद उसको तुरन्त ही tow कर लिया, जिससे कि उसमें से ज्यादा ऑयल बह न जाए। उसमें से जितना भी ऑयल बह गया, उसके संदर्भ में तुरन्त ही कार्यवाही की। तत्काल कदम के तौर पर ऑयल एंड नैचुरल गैस वालों की टीम, हमारी टीम,

हमारे मिनिस्टर भी वहाँ गए और वहाँ जाकर सब मॉनिटर किया। मॉनिटर करने के बाद जो टीम काम में लगी हुई थी, फिशरमेन या जो भी उसमें जुड़े, जिस-जिस की भी आवश्यकता थी, सभी को उस काम में लगा दिया गया। सर, मुझे इस बात की खुशी है कि दो-तीन दिनों में यह सारा ऑपरेशन पूरा होने को आया है। तिरुची शिवा जी ने जो कहा कि उसमें जो तेल बह गया है, उसमें 65 टन जो गाद है, वह तो हट गयी, लेकिन इसके अतिरिक्त जो 54 टन गाद है, उसको भी रिमूव किया गया है। उसमें थोड़ा सा odour भी होगा। उसके लिए भी suckers और submersible pumps तथा जिस-जिस मशीनरी की भी आवश्यकता है, वह मशीनरी हम लगा रहे हैं। अच्छी बात यह है कि दो-तीन दिनों में वहाँ से जो जानकारी उपलब्ध हुई है और माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है कि शायद उसको और भी गति मिले। आज हमने वहाँ से सरकार से बोला भी है कि वहाँ मॉनिटरिंग करने के लिए हमारी शिपिंग मिनिस्ट्री के ऑफिसर्स भी वहाँ उपस्थित हैं और वहाँ टाइम-टु-टाइम मॉनिटर कर रहे हैं। इसमें कैजुअल्टी नहीं हुई है और जो ऑयल बह गया है, उसको भी दो-तीन दिन में सेफली रिमूव किया जाएगा। कामराजार पोर्ट में जो hazardous है, उसको रिमूव करने की सारी कार्यवाही खूब एक्टिवली चल रही है और उसका रिमूवल किया जाएगा।

(समाप्त)



**THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY):** Now, Special Mentions. Shri Basawaraj Patil, not present. Prof. M.V. Rajeev Gowda, not present.

**श्री आनंद भास्कर रापोलू:** वाइस चेयरमैन साहब, मेरी स्पीच कंटीन्यू होगी न?

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुखेन्दु शेखर राय):** वह बाद में देखा जाएगा।

**श्री आनंद भास्कर रापोलू:** बाद में कैसे, सर?

**उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुखेन्दु शेखर राय):** वह बाद में देखा जाएगा। ...(व्यवधान)...

अगर टाइम है, तो मौका जरूर मिलेगा। ...(व्यवधान)... यह बिल कंटीन्यू होगा और अगर आपकी पार्टी का टाइम बचा हुआ है, तो आपको मौका जरूर मिलेगा।

Now, the House stands adjourned till 11 a.m. on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

**The House then adjourned at twelve minutes past five of the clock till eleven of the clock on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.**