

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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HEALTH HAZARD AT SHIP BREAKING YARD
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the health hazard being faced by the workers engaged in ship-breaking yard at Alang on the Gujarat Coast;
- (b) if so, the number of workers who died and were injured at the yard due to explosions/accidents during the last three years; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of workers who died and were injured at the yard due to explosions/accidents during the last three years is given below:

	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Died	16	12	23
Injured	08	18	08

(c) The State Government through Gujarat Maritime Board and the Labour Department has taken a number of preventive and protective steps to improve health safety and reduce the accident rate. These include risk awareness campaigns among workers, imparting training to the workers and safety supervisors, safety audits of plots by experts, investigation of fatal accident cases and taking punitive action, implementation of various rules/regulations, providing health facilities and development of infrastructure etc. at the yard.