

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:273  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2003  
POWERS TO COAST GUARDS  
VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many ships sunk in the vicinity of Indian ports during the period May-August, 2003;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing system is inadequate to properly check the ships before these enter our ports;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have considered bringing in new legislation giving powers to coast guards to inspect the vessels before their entry into our ports; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) & (b): Details of ships sank in the vicinity of Indian Ports during May, 2003 to August, 2003 are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of vessels/ships	Date of incident/location
1.	Panamain tanker M.T. UPCO-III	10.05.2003 near Mumbai Port
2.	Indonesian vessel M.V. Segtiga Biru	19.05.2003 near Kolkata Port
3.	Belize registered vessel M.V. Fortune Carrier	11.06.2003 near Kolkata Port

(c): The existing system is adequate as per international practice.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.