

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2987  
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2006  
ACCIDENT OF BULK CARRIER  
Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a bulk carrier in the recent past was storm hit near Kashima Port in Japan;
- (b) if so, the number of Indians found dead and missing in the said incident;
- (c) the details of compensation so far provided to the affected families; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide compensation to the affected families?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Eight crew members of Indian nationality died and two Indian crew members are still missing.

(c) & (d): The payment of compensation to the affected families by the ship owner's P&I Club is expected to be completed within 6 months. A Senior Technical Officer of the office of the Directorate General of Shipping participated in the joint investigation at Japan immediately after the incident as an observer.