

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS****Unidentified Ship Hit to Fishing Trawler**

\*221 SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an incident where an unidentified ship hit a fishing trawler from Kerala off the Alapuzha Coast killing two fishermen and three others are still missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 1st March, 2012 a South bound merchant vessel collided with an Indian fishing boat 'Don-1' at around 0100 hrs off the Kerala Coast near Alapuzha. The said collision has caused death of five fishermen and two fishermen survived the collision.

(c) and (d) The Directorate General of Shipping under the Ministry of Shipping has ordered a Preliminary Inquiry into the causes of the collision under Section 359 of Merchant Shipping Act 1958. Based on the interim findings of the inquiry, M. V. Prabhu Daya (Flag Singapore) has been identified as the suspected vessel involved in collision with the Indian fishing boat Don-1. Accordingly, the vessel has been diverted to Chennai for investigation.

**Promotion of National and Traditional Games**

\*222 SHRI SHADILAL BATRA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has any proposal to promote the national and traditional games like Hockey, Kabbadi, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years, Statewise and sports-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government for promotion of all sports disciplines in a definite time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN) : (a) and (b) The existing schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India lay adequate focus on promotion of traditional and indigenous sports such as Archery, Chess, Kabaddi, Hockey, Wrestling, Tug of War, Kho Kho etc. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), the sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games have been given