

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF WARSHIPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Navy has signed any agreement with the private companies for the purchase of warships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Navy has formulated any scheme for seeking cooperation of the private companies for the development of related infrastructure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) & (d): Keeping in view the policy of the Government for opening the Defence sector to private industry, capacity assessment of private shipyards has been undertaken for considering their participation in warship building programme. However, no private shipyard has been shortlisted as yet.