

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF SHIPS AND SUBMARINES

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

(a) whether the Chief of the Naval Staff has expressed concern over the slow pace of production of ships and submarines by the defence and civilian shipyards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the defence and civilian shipyards have failed to produce ships and submarines in a year as per the requirement of Indian Navy; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to accelerate the pace of production to meet the requirements of the Indian Navy?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Three Defence Public Sector Shipyards, viz. Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Kolkata and Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa and two Public Sector Shipyard viz. Hindustan Shipyard Limited and Cochin Shipyard Limited, are currently building ships for the Navy. As these shipyards are not fully equipped to meet the projected demands of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Staff had called for speeding up the construction of ships.

(d) To meet the requirements of the Navy, the production capacities of the Defence Public Sector shipyards are modernized from time to time. The modernization plans include the augmentation of existing infrastructure and technology by creation of modular workshop, extension of slipway, construction of additional wet basin and Hull shop modernization. Better monitoring mechanism has also been put in place to streamline the construction process. The Government have also promulgated a separate Warship Building Procedure in March 2004.