

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2471
ANSWERED ON:08.12.2005
UTILISATION OF SUBMARINE BUILDING CAPABILITIES
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether India's submarine building capabilities have been lying idle for the last 15 years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to utilize the submarine building capabilities?

Answer

(SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2471 FOR 8.12.2005

Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai, is the only shipyard in the country which has a proven capability and a dedicated Yard for constructions of submarines. The East Yard of MDL was set up in 1982, exclusively for the construction and major repairs of submarines for the Indian Navy. Two submarines were constructed and commissioned into service in February 1992 and May 1994. Thereafter, no orders were received by MDL for building new submarines. The submarine refit facility has been since utilized for the mid life major repairs-cum-modernisation of submarines of the SSK type held by the Indian Navy.

The submarine facility will henceforth be fully utilized since the Government of India has awarded a contract to MDL in October 2005 for construction of submarines for the Indian Navy with French collaboration.