

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2853
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GARDEN REACH SHIPBUILDERS AND ENGINEERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRS&E.Ltd.) has decided to build two pontoons during 2002;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for constructing pontoons;
- (c) the details of expenditure incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has completed construction of such pontoons;
- (e) if so, the details of the revenue earned by the Government therefrom so far;
- (f) whether after completion of such pontoons, the GRS&E Ltd. has hired Kolkata Port Trust (KPT) dock; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the details of the hiring charges paid by the company to Kolkata Port Trust?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATE DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) GRSE has been undertaking refits of Navy and Coast Guard Vessels over the years and has established expertise and competitiveness in the field of ship repair. Since GRSE had received order for building 3 Ships of the LST(L) Type and was also expecting orders for building four Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes, the availability of Building Berth and Dry Dock for repair of certain types of ship would have been limited. It was, therefore, proposed to build two 51M x 18M x 2M pontoons to address this constraint.
- (c) Only one pontoon has been built and the Company spent Rs.324.79 lakhs on it.
- (d) Completed the building of one pontoon in February, 2004
- (e) Building of pontoon was not for a direct revenue earning but for using as an alternate arrangement of dry dock facility.
- (f) Yes, Sir.
- (g) The details of dock hiring charges paid by the Company to Kolkata Port Trust :-

INS Betwa Rs.64.78 Lakhs
INS Karmuk Rs.20.02 Lakhs

CGS Veera Rs.45.30 Lakhs
INS Beas- Rs.38.03 Lakhs

INS Shardul Rs.27.89 Lakhs
INS Airavat Rs.03.54 Lakhs
CGS Vajra Rs.21.22 Lakhs

CGS Vighraha Rs.28.89 Lakhs
Total Rs.249.67 Lakhs