

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF SHIPYARDS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up International size shipyards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for the purpose;
- (c) the time by which such shipyards are likely to be constructed;
- (d) whether coastal States including Tamil Nadu have forwarded proposal to the Union Government for setting up of an International size shipyard in the State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government thereon State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. Private investors have already gone ahead with plans to create new international size shipyards. On the West Coast, Pipavav Shipyard has come up with sufficient capacity to build Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC). The dry dock is nearing completion. On the East Coast, M/s L&T has announced plans and reportedly acquired land for a large shipyard near Chennai. The Government stake in the form of equity or grant or loan has not been sought by any agencies. Hence, it has been decided that Government may act as facilitator and for the time being setting up of international size shipyard on West Coast and East Coast may not be pursued by the Government.