

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALANG SHIP BREAKING YARD
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any effort has been made by the Government to make ship breaking industry of Alang as eco-friendly with the Japanese cooperation;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (c) the time by which Alang is likely to be converted into modern recycling yard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) has informed that consultants M/s. Japan Development Institute (JDI) with the financial assistance from the Government of Japan has commissioned a pre-feasibility study for improvement of beaching methods at Alang. Their report is awaited.

(c) GMB has reported that the Alang Ship Recycling Yard has now a dedicated Safety Training and Welfare Institute; state of art Hazardous Waste Management Facility; tie up with Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)/ Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for management of Radioactive wastes; individual asbestos waste management in many plots and also common mobile asbestos removal facility and hospital facilities. It has also been informed that many ship recyclers have started using mechanical gadgets for undertaking ship recycling. The GMB has also initiated a Study "Green Alang Initiative" to suggest more safe and environmentally sound managed ship recycling, through the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. The Study is likely to take two years' time to complete.