

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SMALL SHIPYARDS AND MARINE WORKSHOPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build small ships/vessels which can easily switch over from river to sea and vice-versa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the extent to which it will improve hinterland connectivity by augmenting river-to-sea transportation;
- (c) whether this project is likely to pave way for building of small shipyards, marine workshops and may give a boost to coastal trade and consequently raise employment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): Inland Waterways Authority of India, an autonomous body under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping is developing a design of prototype river-sea vessel through Cochin Shipyard Limited and Department for Shipbuilding Technology, Cochin University for Science and Technology, Cochin. Only after the design is developed and tested, the expected outcomes and the likely impact on small Shipyards and Marine Workshops would be known.