

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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SHIP BUILDING STRATEGY FOR SHIPYARDS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Naval Chief has reportedly stated that there is shortcoming in the basic method of ship building in the Indian shipyards and there is a need to revisit the building strategy;
- (b) if so, whether the Naval Chief has also emphasised the role of private shipyards in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the deficiency in production system of the shipyards?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

- (a) The Indian Navy has recommended introduction of modern and emerging techniques in shipbuilding in the country in order to reduce the built periods.
- (b) Keeping in line with policy of Ministry of Defence, the Chief of Naval Staff has been encouraging the participation of capable private shipyards to augment shipbuilding capacity in the country.
- (c) The Mazgaon Dock Limited, Mumbai, Goa Shipyard Limited, Vasco-da-Gama and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Kolkata are being modernised to augment and improve their production capacities to keep pace with the Naval requirements. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam has also been added to Defence Shipyards also to address the concerns of the Navy.