

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIRING FACILITIES FOR SHIPPING VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether repairing facilities for commercial shipping vehicles are adequate in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether Public Private Partnership (PPP) are making entries into shipbuilding; and
- (d) if so, the details of such projects during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): As per the information furnished by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), the commercial ships require repair facilities for running repairs and dry docking repairs. While the facilities for running repairs are sufficient in most ports, for dry docking repairs of bigger vessels, they have to depend on foreign shipyards like Colombo Dockyard, Chinese yards and yards in the Middle and Far East region. However, some Indian shipyards like the Cochin shipyard Ltd. and Western India Shipyard have facilities for dry docking repairs.

(c) & (d): Private investors have gone ahead with plans to set up shipyards in the country. On the West Coast, Pipavav Shipyard has come up with sufficient capacity to build large ships including Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC). On the East Coast, M/s Larsen & Toubro Limited has built a large shipyard near Chennai as a Joint venture with Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. The Government of India's stake in the form of equity or grant or loan has not been sought by any of these shipyards.