

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SHIPPING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any specific schemes for improving the infrastructure in various shipyards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any committee has been set up to study the issues of different shipyards of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): There are two public sector shipyards under the administrative control of Ministry of Shipping viz. Cochin Shipyard Ltd(CSL), Kochi and Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.(HDPEL),Kolkata. CSL is undertaking modernisation/ augmentation of their shipbuilding & shiprepair facilities from time to time from their own internal resources. CSL has been improving its infrastructure every year by spending around Rs. 40 crore on renewals and replacements and facilities for construction of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier. Besides the yard has commissioned a dedicated facility for construction of small ships in the year 2008 at a cost of Rs. 78 crore. A Rehabilitation-cum-Restructuring proposal of HDPEL has been approved by the Government which includes formation of a Joint venture company with a Private Sector Player through open bidding process, waiver of Government loan etc.

(c) & (d): A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri Budhiraja, the then Chairman of Indian Ports Association, in September,2005 to suggest fiscal and other incentives to encourage investments in shipbuilding in India and other measures related to setting up of international size shipyards. The Report of the Committee was submitted in June 2006 recommending various measures for growth of the shipbuilding industry.