

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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COCHIN SHIPYARD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the capacity of Cochin shipyard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any obstacle for Cochin shipyard to respond to global tenders for ship building of other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Government of India in February 2008 had given the approval to Cochin Shipyard for setting up the Small Ship Division(SSD) Project at a cost of Rs.98.63 crores. The SSD project is financed completely by Cochin Shipyard's internal resources. The Shipyard has spent Rs. 72.46 Crores till 31st October, 2009 for this project. The SSD project is aimed at creation of additional capacities for construction of small ships and will facilitate launching of smaller vessels from the building dry dock without disrupting the construction of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier.

(c) & (d): There is no obstacle for Cochin Shipyard to respond to global tenders for shipbuilding of other countries. However, in order to be globally competitive, the Shipyard needs shipbuilding subsidy.