

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2378  
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NIRDESH  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Institute for Research and Development in Defence Shipbuilding (NIRDESH) at Chaliyam in Kerala has started functioning; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the cost of establishing the institute?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): The National Institute for Research and Development in Defence Shipbuilding (NIRDESH) has started functioning at Chaliyam in Kerala. So far about 250 personnel have been trained in the Institute. An amount of Rs. 11 crore has been contributed by Defence Public Sector Shipyards so far for development of the Institute.