

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:591

ANSWERED ON:07.05.2015

SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY

Chavan Shri Ashok Shankarrao;Misra Shri Pinaki

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of ship building industry in the country;
- (b) whether the Ministry has urged the Defence Ministry to allow domestic companies/firms to build some of its vessels;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Defence Ministry;
- (d) the details of the orders received by the domestic shipping companies from the Indian Armed Forces;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to encourage the Indian Ship building sector under the 'Make in India' Programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e), OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.591 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH MAY, 2015 RAISED BY SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN, SHRI PINAKI MISRA, REGARDING 'SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY'

(a) There are 8 public sector and about 20 private sector shipyards in India. Out of the 8 public sector shipyards, 2 are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Shipping, 4 are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence and the remaining 2 are under the administrative control of the State Governments of Gujarat and West Bengal. At the end of 2013-14, Indian ship-building companies had orders of 350 ships with DWT of 2,741.25 thousand tonnes. Of these orders for 350 ships, 101 are in public sector yards and 249 are in private sector yards amounting to 86.5 thousand DWT and 2654.75 thousand DWT respectively.

(b)&(c):Yes, Madam. Ministry of Shipping has taken up with Ministry of Defence recently to place defence shipbuilding orders with M/s. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi apart from placing orders with private sector shipyards. Ministry of Defence has responded that various defence shipyards engaged in warship building projects are being encouraged to offload part of their work to other shipyards.

(d) The details of orders received by domestic shipyards from the Indian Armed Forces are at Annexure.

(e) Promotion of shipbuilding industry is a key component of the 'Make in India' initiative of the government. Suggestions have been received by the Government of India from various stakeholders for promotion of local shipbuilding industry under the 'Make in India' initiative which include measures for financial assistance; grant of infrastructure status; domestic eligibility criteria; tax incentives and special dispensation for stressed shipyards.