

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6778  
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COCHIN SHIPYARD  
Antony Shri Anto ;Mullappally Shri Ramachandran

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering the expansion of Cochin Shipyard under Make-in-India campaign and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to provide more defence orders to build multipurpose vessels and warships;
- (c) if so, whether any agreement has been signed for the same and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Cochin Shipyard proposes to build Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) carriers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Promotion of shipbuilding industry is a key component of the 'Make in India' initiative of the government. The following expansion programme of Cochin Shipyard has been chalked out, namely:-

- i) International Ship Repair Facility (ISRF) in the Cochin Port Trust Land.
- ii) New Dry Dock project within Cochin Shipyard.

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

(d) &(e):M/s. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi has signed an agreement with a Korean firm and M/s. GIT, France to build LNG carriers in the country.