

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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SHIPBUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE IN TAMIL NADU

2877. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has considered building shipbuilding infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu, if so, the details of location finalized, feasibility study conducted and budget planned thereof;
- (b) the details of current progress of pilot green hydrogen plan at VOC Port, Thoothukudi; and
- (c) the details of port upgradation work carried out in the State of Tamil Nadu, the anticipated timeline for completion, budget allocated and the reasons for delay, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR)

(a) to (c) Around 25 projects worth Rs. 1435 crore are under implementation in Major Ports in the State of Tamil Nadu for upgradation, modernisation and mechanisation of Ports. The DPR for Pilot Green hydrogen bunkering and refueling facility project has been reviewed and approved by the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) constituted by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. Government of Tamil Nadu in the Budget Speech 2025 has announced that to revive the maritime heritage and position Tamil Nadu as a global shipbuilding hub, the government will introduce the 'Tamil Nadu Maritime Transport Manufacturing Policy 2025'. This policy will promote investment and innovation in ship and boat design, ship hull fabrication, and ship engine production. Adequate lands have been identified in Cuddalore and Thoothukudi districts establishing shipbuilding for industries.
