

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3506**  
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

**20TH MARITIME STATE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING**

3506. SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the 20th Maritime State Development Council meeting was held recently in Goa, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the key outcome of the meeting is to have a major shipbuilding parks in the coastal States, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any plan to set up one major shipbuilding park in Andhra Pradesh which has huge coastline of nearly 1,000kms;
- (d) if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of critical issues flagged and resolved in the said meeting?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a)& (b) Yes, the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of Maritime States Development Council under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Goa. One of the agenda item was "Promotion of Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Cluster". State Governments were advised to formulate state level policy framework to incentivize shipbuilding ecosystem by facilitating pre-feasibility studies to identify suitable locations, land aggregation and development for Shipbuilding ecosystem.

(c)&(d) In connection with shipbuilding and ship repair clusters, Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board had published Expression of Interest (EoI) for shipbuilding investments, which has attracted interest from leading shipbuilders.

(e) During the meeting, numerous issues from various States were deliberated and many of them were resolved. Several new and emerging challenges were also deliberated, including the establishment of Places of Refuge (PoR) for ships in distress, the development of Radioactive Detection Equipment (RDE) infrastructure at ports to enhance security.

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