

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3516**  
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**INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS TO THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY**

3516. SHRI A. D. SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there is demand to grant the infrastructure status to the shipping industry to improve India's position in shipbuilding and ownership;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of Government towards granting infrastructure status to the shipping industry;
- (d) the additional facilities available to the shipping industry on being granted infrastructure status; and
- (e) by when such status will be given to the shipping industry?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) Government of India, in the budget speech, 2025, Para no 64 has announced “*Large ships above a specified size will be included in the infrastructure harmonized master list (HML)*”. This will make them eligible for benefits such as easier access to long-term financing and tax incentives.

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