

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2710**  
ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025

**MARITIME SHIPYARD CLUSTER**

2710. SMT. SUNETRA AJIT PAWAR:

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

- (a) whether despite its long coastline and historical maritime presence, India's share in global shipbuilding is less than 1 per cent;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by Government to improve the cost competitiveness of shipbuilding in Maharashtra;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote development of "Maritime Shipyard Cluster" and "Single Shipyard" in Maharashtra; and
- (d) whether specific locations have been identified for these clusters and if so, the details thereof and the proposal for infrastructure to be developed therein?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. Following are the steps taken by the Government to promote shipbuilding:

- i. Government is providing Ship Building Financial Assistance (SBFA), to Indian shipyards to provide them a level playing field vis-à-vis foreign shipyards. Shipyards receive financial assistance for shipbuilding contracts signed during the period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2026 including the said dates.
- ii. The government has granted infrastructure status to the shipbuilding yards. This status helps the shipyards to pick up debt at favorable terms and lower interest rates and to issue infrastructure bonds.

iii. Government has issued guidelines for evaluating and awarding tenders for new shipbuilding orders floated by government departments or agencies including public sector undertakings for acquisition of any type of vessel(s). Whenever acquisition of a vessel(s) is undertaken through tendering route, the qualified Indian Shipyards will have a “Right of first refusal” to enable them to match the evaluated lowest price offered by the foreign shipyard which is aimed to increase domestic ship building activities in shipyards.

iv. To increase ship building activities in Indian shipyards, the Government entities dealing with ship building and ship-owning are advised to ensure local content as per the Government of India Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) order 2017.

v. The government has released Standard Tug Designs of five variants for use by Major ports for procurement of tugs to be built in Indian Shipyards.

vi. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has launched the Green Tug Transition Programme (GTTP) which encourages adoption of environmentally sustainable tugboat operations, with these tugs built in Indian Shipyards.

No such policy on the maritime shipbuilding clusters has been approved.

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