

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

OPERATIONALIZATION OF NIRDESH

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute for Research and Development in Defence Shipbuilding (NIRDESH) has suffered chronic underfunding and operational neglect;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated, released, and utilised thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any concrete plans to revive NIRDESH under its defence R&D strategy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The four Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) shipyards i.e. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), had contributed 2% of their Profit After Tax (PAT) every year to NIRDESH till FY 2016-17. The total contribution to NIRDESH was Rs. 49.66 crores, and the average annual expenditure was around Rs. 60-80 lakhs. NIRDESH has also received interest from its fixed deposits. As per the accounts, cash and bank balance as on 31st March, 2025 is Rs 25,50,00,000.00.

(c) & (d) NIRDESH is executing R&D projects for the Indian Navy pertaining to the shipbuilding industry. Warship Design Bureau (WDB) of the Indian Navy has prepared a road-map for R&D engagement with NIRDESH.
