

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**EMPLOYMENT AND CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT UNDER SHIPBUILDING &
RECYCLING PACKAGE**

1918. SHRI MILIND MURLI DEORA:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment of the potential for direct and indirect employment generation through the recently announced shipbuilding and ship recycling package, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of jobs expected to be created in proposed shipbuilding clusters and ancillary industries such as steel, logistics and marine equipment manufacturing;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken measures to address supply-side and demand-side issues in the shipbuilding sector, such as demand aggregation, assurance and visibility under National Shipbuilding Mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the criteria adopted for evaluating and approving shipbuilding clusters across States, including role of connectivity infrastructure such as roads, land availability, supporting facilities?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Government has approved a comprehensive Rs. 69,725 crore package featuring a four-pillar approach to strengthen domestic capacity, maritime financing, shipyard development, skilling, and reforms. Shipbuilding is considered as the mother industry in heavy engineering, where majority of the value of the built ship is contributed by heavy engineering industry such as steel, mechanical/electrical/electronic equipment, composites etc. Further, ancillary industry also gets developed through growth of ship-building industry. Given the shipbuilding's high employment multiplier, there is potential of generation of direct, indirect employment of approximately 22 lakh (~ 2.2 million) jobs.

(c) Yes, the Government has undertaken several measures to address both supply-side and demand-side issues in the shipbuilding sector. Stakeholder consultations have been done between various ministries which include the cargo generating ministries for providing a visibility for the vessel orders for the shipbuilding industry.

(d) The approval for the greenfield shipbuilding clusters would depend upon various factors including the adequate land availability, locational feasibility including rail & road connectivity, State industrial policy, interest from potential investors etc.
