

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2742
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th August, 2023

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT

2742. SHRI COSME FRANCISCO CAITANO SARDINHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a reciprocal agreement in existence or in negotiation to allow the repairs of Indian Ships in American Shipyards and if so, the details of provisions and objectives of this agreement;
- (b) the purported benefits of this agreement for the Indian shipbuilders; and
- (c) whether this agreement will allow long time basing for American Navy ships in Indian Shipyards and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a): There is no reciprocal agreement in existence or in negotiation to allow the repairs of Indian Ships in American Shipyards. However, a Master Shipyard Repair Agreement (MSRA) has been signed on 04th April, 2023 between Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard Kattupalli and the US for voyage repairs of US Navy vessels. MSRA with M/s Mazagon Docks Limited and M/s Goa Shipyard Limited is at an advanced stage. MSRA qualifies a shipyard to compete for carrying out ship repair projects for US Navy. The MSRA includes clauses on security, payments, liabilities etc. The agreement is reviewed every 5 years, or as required.
- (b): Undertaking repairs of these ships serves the commercial interest of Indian shipbuilders and will potentially lead to more such opportunities.
- (c): An American Navy ship shall be berthed in an Indian shipyard for the duration of its repair.
