

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2068**  
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024

**SHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY**

2068. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री**

- (a) whether it is true that India has a very miniscule domestic ship building industry in comparison to Japan, China and South Korea, and that 75% of world shipbuilding orders are captured by China, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether is it also true that India has a very insignificant freight carrying capacity even unable to meet its own demand and that India paid \$75 billion to foreign shipping companies for sea freight in FY-2023 alone, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether efforts are being made by the Government for launching PLI scheme and classification of shipbuilding sector as infrastructure, for facilitating long-term financing options; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a)& (b)As per United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Report (2023), Japan, China and South Korea together constitute more than 90% of the global shipbuilding market in terms of Gross Tonnage.

(c)& (d) Infrastructure status has already been granted to shipyards in April, 2016. Further, to promote "Make in India" policy and to support shipbuilding industry in India, Ministry has brought in Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) scheme for Indian shipyards to procure orders from domestic as well as international market and to be competitive in international market for securing global orders. The scheme offers financial assistance to Indian Shipyards for shipbuilding contracts signed between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2026 with rate of financial assistance starting from 20% in 2016 and diminishing to 11% in 2026. Till date, 45 shipyards have registered, and 19 shipyards have utilized the scheme by availing financial assistance. Further, an amount of Rs. 385.16 crore has been released towards construction and delivery of 144 vessels.

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