

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2103**  
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2025

**RISK INSURANCE COVER IN SHIPBUILDING FINANCE**

2103. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI :

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

**पत्तन, पोत परिवहन एवं जलमार्ग मंत्रालय**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that in several major shipbuilding nations, banks and financial institutions are provided with state-backed risk insurance cover through national agencies to mitigate financial risks in shipbuilding finance, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the absence of such risk mitigation mechanisms in the country has affected the willingness of banks to extend credit for shipbuilding projects or resulted in higher interest rates, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the feasibility of introducing a similar risk insurance scheme in the country to protect lenders and reduce the cost of capital for the shipbuilding sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and timeline by which the said scheme is expected to be implemented;
- (e) the impact of such a mechanism on the competitiveness of Indian shipyards and the overall cost of shipbuilding finance; and
- (f) the steps undertaken by the Government to make shipbuilding finance more accessible and affordable in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (f) Yes Sir, in several major shipbuilding nations, leading state-backed financial institutions provide risk insurance for the shipbuilding sector. In India, such a policy is yet to be approved.

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