

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 964
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SHIPBUILDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY

964. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

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

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

(a) whether both public and private shipyards are eligible under the proposed Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Policy (SBFAP) 2.0, if so, the details of types of vessels to be covered under SBFAP 2.0;

(b) the number and type of ships constructed along with the financial assistance received by individual shipyards under the previous policy;

(c) whether shipyards that benefited from the earlier scheme secured any export orders, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for limited uptake of the earlier scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the revised policy includes measures to incentivize technological upgradation, automation and domestic sourcing of materials to enhance the global competitiveness of Indian shipyards and if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(f) the current status of Cabinet approval for SBFAP 2.0 and the expected timeline for its rollout; and

(g) the steps being taken to promote shipbuilding in underserved coastal regions?

ANSWER

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

(a, e & f) The policy is yet to be approved.

(b, c, d & g) Ship Building financial assistance of Rs 499.61 crore has been disbursed as financial assistance for 177 vessels. Shipyard wise number of vessels financed under the SBFAP is given below:

Name of the shipyard	Number of ships financed under SBFAP
AH Wadia Boat Builders	1
AC Roy & Company	4
AC Roy Shipbuilders Pvt. Ltd.	23
Atreya Shipyard Private Limited	4
Chowgule & Company Private Limited	14
Cochin Shipyard Limited	22
Dempo Shipbuilding and Engineering Private Limited	1
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited	1
Goa Shipyard Limited	4
Mandovi Drydocks	42
Praka Engineering Shipyard	2
San Marine	1
Sembmarine Kakinada Limited	2
Shoft Shipyard Private Limited	26
Sunrich Ship Management Private Limited	1
Synergy Shipbuilders	3
Titagarh Wagons Limited	2
Udupi Cochin Shipyard Limited	5
Victoria Shipbuilding and Engineering LLP	1
Vijai Marine Services	15
Waterways Shipyard Private Limited	1
Zuari Shipyard Private Limited	2

Vessels like Tugs, General cargo vessel, Bulk carrier, Oil Tanker, crane pontoon, heavy deck cargo vessel, RO-RO pax vessel, crew boat, deck loading craft, coastal research vessel, modular pontoon, passenger catamaran, passenger cum motor cycle ferry, passenger ferry, landing craft, Auto barge self propelled, jack-up barge and self elevating platform have been delivered by Indian shipyards and have subsequently received financial assistance under the SBFAP. All the shipyards are located in coastal regions or in near coastal regions.

142 number of export vessels have been granted in-principle approvals under the SBFAP. Of which, 19 ships have been delivered by the shipyards and have subsequently received financial assistance. These ships have been exported to several European countries, UAE, Guyana, Mauritius and others.

The SBFAP faced the following hurdles in its implementation: -

- Shipbuilding is a long gestation industry and each ship takes time to be constructed.
- COVID pandemic also affected the shipbuilding industry.
- The amount of financial assistance released has increased from Rs 29 Cr in 2018-19 to Rs 90 Cr and Rs 137 Cr in 2023-24 & 2024-25 respectively.
