

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:258  
ANSWERED ON:08.03.2006  
GLOBAL PLAYERS IN SHIP BUILDING AND PORT TERMINAL OPERATION  
Oram Shri Jual

**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to allow global players to participate in ship building and port terminal operation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any agreement has been signed in pursuance thereof; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.258 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH MARCH, 2006 RAISED BY SHRI JUAL ORAM, REGARDING 'GLOBAL PLAYERS IN SHIP BUILDING AND PORT TERMINAL OPERATION'

(a) & (b) For shipbuilding and Port terminal operations, 100% foreign direct investment is already permitted thereby enabling participation of global players in these sectors.

(c) & (d) For shipbuilding, no investment agreement has been signed so far. In Port sector 13 projects with private sector participation are already operational in major ports. Four more projects, for which agreements have been signed between the major ports and the private operators concerned, are under implementation.