

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4679

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CUSTOMS DUTY ON SHIP BREAKING

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reduce the Customs Duty on the purchase of ships for ship-breaking to boost the production of secondary steel from ship-breaking;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a),(b)&(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to reduce the Customs Duty on the purchase of ships for ship-breaking to boost the production of secondary steel, as the steel sector in India is de-regulated with Government only playing the role of facilitator.