



Shipbuilding Financial Assistance Scheme (SBFAS) & Development Scheme (SbDS)

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Context: The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) recently notified operational guidelines for these schemes to make India a global shipbuilding hub by 2047.

- **Background:** India currently has a negligible share (less than 1%) in global shipbuilding, dominated by China, South Korea, and Japan. To fix this, the **Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047** aims to place India in the Top 5 shipbuilding nations.
- **Key Features of the Schemes:**
- **Financial Assistance (SBFAS):** Provides **15% to 25%** financial support for specialized vessels. It has a corpus of ₹24,736 crore.
- **Infrastructure Support (SbDS):** Aims at creating **Greenfield Shipbuilding Clusters** (100% support via Centre-State SPV) and **Brownfield expansion** (25% assistance for existing yards).
- **Shipbreaking Credit Note:** Introduces a "Circular Economy" where ship owners get a credit (40% of scrap value) for recycling ships in India to buy new Indian-made vessels.
- **Subject Reference:** * **GS Paper III:** Infrastructure (Ports, Roads, etc.), Indian Economy (Manufacturing Sector).
- **Prelims:** Nodal Ministry (MoPSW), targets of Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.