## <sup>r</sup>Ship building, oil rig project for Dhamra

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APEEJAY Surendra Group and Bharti Shipyard have evinced interest to set up a ship building factory while an oil rig is being proposed by the Oceanic Shipyard Ltd near Dhamra.

Both the projects are estimated at Rs 900 crore each. The chief executives of the companies met Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik here today to discuss the issues of land acquisition, employment other project details.

The ship building unit is proposed to start from January 2009 and its first phase will be completed by 2011. The project is expected to be over by 2013.

About 7,000 persons will get direct employment in the project, while over 40,000 people will indirectly benefit. The State will get Rs 20 crore a year as revenue.

The oil rig, proposed in collaboration with Oceanic Shipyard Ltd, will be of an equal cost. It will be taken up in three phases and help ancillarisation as well as downstream industries in the area.