

Regarding need to rename International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam, Kochi and NH 966A in the name of Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister- Laid

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): I would like to make a proposal to honour Dr. Manmohan Singh by Renaming Vallarpadam ICTT, NH-966A, and establishing PSU institutions in his name. I wish to draw the attention of the Government towards this proposal to suitably honour former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh for his visionary leadership and unmatched contribution to India's economic and infrastructure transformation. The International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam, Kochi, inaugurated in 2011 as India's first transshipment terminal, stands as a milestone in maritime history, reducing dependence on foreign ports. Its development, and the strategic NH-966A (Container Road) linking it, are outcomes of the economic reforms and infrastructure vision championed by Dr. Singh as Finance Minister and Prime Minister. I propose renaming ICTT as "Dr. Manmohan Singh International Container Transshipment Terminal" and NH-966A as "Dr. Manmohan Singh Highway." Further, one major PSU institution in every state should be named after him to perpetuate his legacy. I urge the Government to consider this proposal in consultation with stakeholders as a fitting national tribute to a leader who reshaped India's economic destiny.