

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1672.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026.**

INLAND CONTAINER DEPOTS

1672. MS. S JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment to identify the need for Inland Container Depots (ICDs) or dry ports in non-coastal export hubs of Tamil Nadu, particularly Karur, Tiruppur and Dindigul, to reduce logistics costs and improve export clearance;
- (b) the number and locations of operational ICDs in Tamil Nadu at present and the details of new ICD or dry port proposals approved or under consideration during the last three years;
- (c) the measures taken to improve inland access to container handling, warehousing, cold storage and testing facilities for MSMEs, women-led enterprises and small exporters in the State; and
- (d) whether the Ministry is coordinating with State Governments and private sector partners to develop multi-modal logistics parks, ICDs, or sector-specific logistics infrastructure for exports such as textiles, agro-products and natural fibre-based goods and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a): The development of Inland Container Depot (ICD) or Container Freight Station (CFS) is a demand driven process based on the export import cargo potential. Any agency, private players or public sector entities, willing to establish an ICD/CFS at a particular location based on its' internal assessment can submit their proposal seeking Licence to operate the same. All such proposals are evaluated through an Inter Ministerial Committee, coordinated by Department of Revenue, as per the guidelines issued by that Department in this regard and the approval is granted accordingly.
- (b): The list of locations in Tamil Nadu where ICDs have been notified is enclosed as **Annexure-A**. Currently, no new proposal for setting up of ICDs in the State of Tamil Nadu is under consideration.

- (c):** To create a cohesive, cost-effective, and technology-driven, integrated logistics ecosystem, the States are encouraged to formulate their State Logistics Policy aligning with the National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2022. Under the Tamil Nadu Logistics Policy 2023, the State has promoted development of inland container handling infrastructure, warehouses, cold storages and other facilities for MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises). Moreover, the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Policy 2026 also provides incentive packages for warehousing and cold storage infrastructure development in the State, with a special focus on the hinterland districts.
- (d):** Planning and development of MMLPs (Multi Modal Logistics Parks), Inland Container Depots (ICDs) or sector-specific logistics infrastructure for exports are demand driven initiatives. The respective State Governments and private entities are developing these facilities as per their demand assessment and plans. The Government of India also approved 35 MMLP locations across the country, including MMLPs in Chennai and Coimbatore in the State of Tamil Nadu.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1672 FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2026.

List of locations in Tamil Nadu where ICDs have been notified

S. No.	ICD Locations
1	Coimbatore
2	Madurai
3	Salem
4	Singnallur
5	Tirupur
6	Pulichappallam Village, Vanur Taluk
7	Karur
8	Melapakkam, Arakkonam
9	Coimbatore
10	Inland Container Depots, Tuticorin
11	Irugur Village, Distt. Coimbatore
12	SIPCOT Industrial Park, Irungattukottai, Kattrambakkam Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District
13	Tondiarpet (TNPM), Chennai
14	Hosur
