

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL AT VALLARPADAM  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the proposal for construction of Container Terminal at Vallarpadam in Kerala; and
- (b) the time by which the said construction is likely to be started?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

- (a) & (b): The proposal for setting up of the International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Vallarpadam was approved by the Government of India on 13th January, 2005. As per the Licence Agreement signed by the Cochin Port Trust with the Build Operate Transfer (BOT) operator M/s. India Gateway Private Terminal Limited (IGPTL), the BOT operator is obligated to commence construction of Phase I of the ICTT project not later than
- (i) the date of expiry of Twelve (12) Months from the date of declaration of the ICTT Project Site as a part of Special Economic Zone (SEZ); or
  - (ii) the date of expiry of Six (6) Months from the date of securing all necessary environmental clearance for construction works for Phase I of ICTT; or
  - (iii) the date of commencement of construction of Rail Connectivity by the appropriate Authority; or
  - (iv) the date of commencement of construction of National Highway Connectivity by the appropriate Authority; or
  - (v) the date of expiry of Two (2) Years from the Date of Commercial Operation of Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal (RGCT); whichever is the latest.