

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1079
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DEVELOPING COLACHEL AND CHENNAI PORT
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop Colachel as a major port ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its present status ;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be developed ;
- (d) whether there is also a proposal to develop a Second Container Terminal at Chennai ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the estimated cost of the project; and
- (g) the time by which the second terminal is likely to start functioning?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)to(c) : A request has been received from Government of Tamil Nadu for development of Colachel Port as a Major Port. Preparation of a Techno-Economic Feasibility and Detailed Project Reports as well as Environmental Impact Assessment Studies for this project have been undertaken.

(d)to(g) : Yes, Sir. The Second Container Terminal at Chennai Port, at an estimated cost of Rs. 492 crores will have a continuous berth length of 832 mtrs with a rated capacity of 0.8 million Twenty Feet Equivalent Units (TEUs) per annum. The project is to be implemented on BOT basis for which a Letter of Intent has been issued to the consortium of Port of Singapore Authority International Pvt Ltd. (PSA International) and South India Corporation Limited Logistics (SICAL LOGISTICS) during November, 2006.

As per the draft Licence Agreement the licensee guarantees that the project completion shall be achieved in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement on a date not later than 24 months from the Date of Award of the Licence.