

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

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SETTING UP OF SECOND CONTAINER TERMINAL
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any proposal for setting up a second container terminal at the Chennai Port;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the financial assistance given to Chennai Port Trust by the Union Government for its various developmental activities during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government has conveyed on 31.3.2005 in-principle approval to Chennai Port Trust for setting up of second container terminal. The terminal will be developed at the modernized east quay and adjoining south quay having a length of 826 mtrs. About 28 hectare of land is available for development of parking yard/backup area. The terminal is estimated to cost Rs.495.00 crore and will be developed on Build Operator and Transfer (BOT) basis. Chennai Port will be contributing Rs.100 crores towards developmental works and remaining cost of the project will be met by the BOT operator.

(c) Development activities in ports are taken up by the major ports from the surpluses available from port operations. Government of India has not provided any financial assistance during the last three years to Chennai Port for developmental activities.