

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT CONTAINER SERVICE TO SOUTH-EAST ASIA

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India Limited is planning to start a direct container service to the South-East Asia and the far East during 2001;
- (b) if so, whether all the modalities in this regard have been worked out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the time by which Shipping Corporation of India is likely to start this service; and
- (e) the details of implications likely to come across?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a)to(c) Yes, Sir. The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI) is contemplating starting a direct container service to South-East Asia and Far East during mid 2001. A feasibility study based on the market reports is being carried out for taking a decision in the matter.
- (d) SCI plans to start the service by the end of 2nd quarter of 2001.
- (e) As the proposal is in planning stage, the details of the implications of the proposed service cannot be worked out till the completion of the feasibility study.