

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

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CLEARANCE TO TERMINALS

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

(a) Whether any objections have been raised by the Government for giving security clearance to the proposed Deep Water International Transshipment Terminal at Vizhinjam and for Container Terminal at Vallarpadam in Kerala;

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) The corrective action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In the case of project of Deep Water International Transshipment Terminal at Vizhinjam, Government of India decided not to grant security clearance to the bidder proposed by the State Government of Kerala based on security assessment. The project of International Container Transshipment at Vallarpadam was approved by Government of India in January, 2005.