

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:27  
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KOLACHEL HARBOUR AS MOTHER PORT  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Kolachel harbour in Kanyakumari district is a natural one having a depth of 55 feet and has international importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve this historic and natural port as a mother container port of international standard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The responsibility for development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Government concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. The responsibility for the development of Colachel Port, which is a minor port in Tamil Nadu, lies with the State Government of Tamil Nadu.