

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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CONTAINER SECURITY INITIATIVE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to join the US led programme `Container Security Initiative`;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the programme;
- (c) whether under the programme, the US Customs and Border Protection Officials would be stationed at the Indian Ports;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of benefits likely to be derived by the said programme?

Answer

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

- (a) Government proposes to introduce Container Security Initiative at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Nhava-Sheva Port as a pilot project.
- (b) to (d) The details of the programme are to be worked out by a team led by the Ministry of External Affairs with the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) and others to negotiate arrangements with the United States of America (USA).
- (e) The programme will lead to benefits of imbibing the best prevalent practices in Container Security both for import as well as export. It would also create an atmosphere conducive to smooth trade relations with US and help in our exports.