

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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SCANNING FACILITIES AT PORTS  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up state-of-the-art scanners including X-ray or gamma-ray scanners of the size that scan an entire cargo container at all major and minor ports of the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet any threat?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING(SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): At Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Customs has installed two units for scanning of containers, one mobile scanner unit installed in port and one fixed scanner unit installed in Central Warehousing Corporation's Dronagiri Container Freight Station (CFS). There is a proposal by Department of Revenue, (Customs) to install X-ray scanners at Chennai, Tuticorin, Mumbai and Kandla ports for which port were directed to provide land at concessional rate by this Ministry. Major ports also have proposals for installing Radio active material detector scanning equipment by 2012.