

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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OFFSHORE CONTAINER TERMINALS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction of offshore container terminals project in the country is delayed by nearly two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for early start of construction work?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): The Offshore Container Terminal Project at the Mumbai Port Trust has been a delayed by around 17 months on account of delayed financial closure by the selected Private Operator because of the global recession. Delayed appointment of Engineering Procurement & Construction (EPC) contractor by the Operator and late award of dredging contract by the Mumbai Port Trust also contributed to rescheduling of the project.

(c): The work on the project has already commenced with effect from April 2009.