

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VALLARPADAM INTERNATIONAL TRANSHIPMENT CONTAINER TERMINAL
Dhanaplan Shri K. P.

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the proposed Vallarpadam International Transshipment Container Terminal in Kerala;
- (b) the proposed date for commissioning the said terminal;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made by the Union Government on the possible growth of business and economy due to the project and its impact on the Kerala economy; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G. K. VASAN)

- (a): As of today 95% of the physical completion of the Vallarpadam International Transshipment Container Terminal at Kerala has been achieved.
- (b): The first phase of the terminal is expected to be ready for commissioning in the month of October, 2010
- (c) & (d): The terminal opens up immense potential for allied industries like container freight stations; inland Container Depots, Port based Special Economic Zones, transportation of cargo through inland waterways, logistics and warehousing centres etc. Being labour intensive industries, these are expected to generate substantial employment opportunities in the state.