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VALLARPADAM INTERNATIONAL TRANSSHIPMENT CONTAINERS
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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 of 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): Construction of 600 mtrs berth and development of Stacking area and other allied facilities under Phase-I of the International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) project have been substantially completed. Supporting infrastructure for the ICTT project includes 4 lane National Highway (NH) connectivity and rail connectivity to ICTT at Vallarpadam and also capital dredging. Two lane NH connectivity and rail connectivity except signalling and overhead electrification have been completed. Capital dredging for deepening and widening of the approach channel has been completed. Dredging work in the berth basin is in progress.

(b): The terminal is expected to be commissioned by the mid of January, 2011.

(c) & (d): With the implementation of this project, need for transshipment of Indian containers through ports of other countries will be reduced substantially thereby resulting in reduced transportation cost and time to the trade. Railways and National Highways for transportation between hinterland and port will be optimally utilized. The terminal will also facilitate in setting up of port based industries and their allied facilities such as Container Freight Station, Inland Container Depots, Port Based Special Economic Zones, Transportation of Cargo through Inland Waterways, Logistics, Warehousing Centers etc in the State of Kerala which will generate additional employment opportunities.