

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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VIZHINJAM PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) is undertaking the development of Vizhinjam Port in Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details of the project, the financial commitment, the technical expertise the SCI is using and the time frame by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) had been approached by the Government of Kerala for participating in the development of a multipurpose port project at Vizhinjam. SCI had preliminary discussions with Government of Kerala and Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited on this matter. The talks between SCI and Government of Kerala/Vizhinjam International Seaport are still at a very preliminary level.