

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SHIPPING  
LOK SABHA**

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TRANSHIPMENT HUB IN COCHI  
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India's first Transshipment Hub is coming up at Cochi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the volume of business expected to be taken up at that Hub?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): India's first International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Kochi envisages development of facilities for handling mother container ships of 8000+TEU capacities. The facilities include 1800 metres berth and supporting handling equipments for annual throughput of 3 million Twenty Feet Equivalent Units (TEUs) along with supporting infrastructure. In terms of the Licence Agreement between Cochin Port Trust and M/s India Gateway Terminal Private Ltd (GITPL), the terminal is to be developed in phases. Phase-I of ICTT comprises of construction of 600 metres berth and development of stacking area and other allied facilities including supporting infrastructure of 17.2 KM four lane National Highway (NH) connectivity from Kalamassery to Vallarpadam, rail connectivity of 8.86 KM from Edapally to Vallarpadam and Capital Dredging for Deepening and Widening of the Approach Channel and Berth Basin of ICCTT to provide draught of 14.5 metres.

The first phase of ICTT project along with the two lane NH connectivity, rail connectivity and Capital Dredging have been commissioned on 11th February, 2011.

(c): In the initial operating year, the volume of business expected is around 3.5 lakh TEUs per annum which is expected to increase to 7.5 lakh TEUs by 2012-13 and 1 million TEUs by 2013-14.