

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPING HUB PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to develop Hub Ports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also planning to develop Kochi Port as a Hub Port;
- (d) if so, the time by which the said Hub Port is likely to be completed;
- (e) whether the Government of Kerala has given a request for developing one more Port in the State; and
- (f) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a)to(d): Maritime Agenda 2010-2020 provides for development of two hub ports each on West and East Coasts, i.e., Mumbai (Jawaharlal Nehru Port), Kochi, Chennai & Visakhapatnam.

(e)&(f): A request was received from the Chief Minister, Government of Kerala for development of a Port or Shipyard project in the State. The request was examined in the Ministry of Shipping and a Technical Committee has been constituted on 13th February, 2012 to consider/ examine and identify the site proposed by the State Government to develop another Major Port- cum-Ship Building Centre at Azhikal in Kerala State.