GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHIPPING LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to build Inland Freight Container Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the places where such stations would come up;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose;

(d) the time by which the said station is likely to be completed;

(e) whether the first Container Transshipment (Container) Terminal set up in the year 2011 could not emerge into global cargo hub; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): Chennai Port Trust has a proposal to develop a Dry Port and Multimodal Logistic Hub near Sriperumbudur under the PPP mode.

(c): The estimated cost of Chennai Port Trust's proposal is Rs. 415 Crores.

(d): Detailed Project Report has been prepared and the proposal is at the stage of Request for Qualification (RFQ).

(e): ICTT handled 3.37 lakh TEUs during 2011-12 against the projected throughput of 775 lakh TEUs..

(f): The main reasons for shortfall are as follows:

(i) Reliable and adequate feedering capacity is not available.

(ii) Cabotage restrictions

(iii) Indian Fleet charging higher freight compared to foreign carriers.