

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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VTMS
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Vessel Traffic Monitoring System (VTMS) in all the ports of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said projects; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely completion of the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) & (b): VTMS has been installed at all the major ports except Ennore Port Limited (EPL), V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOCPT) and Visakhapatnam port Trust (VPT). EPL has appointed a consultant to prepare the tender documents for VTMS installation. VOCPT has already issued work order for installation and commissioning of VTMS on 08.12.2011. VPT has only one way movement of vessels in the entrance channel and the length of the entrance channel is only 1.2 Km. Hence, VTMS is not essential and the present Automatic Identification System (AIS) based Radar is sufficient to assist in safe navigation.

(c): Government is closely monitoring the installation of VTMS at EPL and VOCPT.