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Title : Need for the development of Vizhinjam as an international container terminal.

SHRI C.K. CHANDRAPPAN (TRICHUR): Sir, India is depending upon Colombo, Singapore and Dubai for international container terminal. That is to say that we do not have in India a developed infrastructure which is, in the present

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day, very important for bringing the mother ships to our ports. Because our major ports do not have that raft and also a lot of silting is there, no port in India can bearth the mother ship.

Recently, it has been found that Vizhinjam, which is located in Kerala, Trivandrum, which is 30 nautical miles away from the international shipping channel, is having that raft which can accommodate mother ships of not only this generation but also mother ships of next generation[R80].

So if that port is developed into an international container terminal, then that will bring a lot of benefits to our country. Today, because of our dependence on Colombo, Singapore and Dubai, we are losing tens of thousands of dollars every year.

The Kerala Government has submitted a scheme for the development of Vizhinjam Port as an international container terminus. If it is developed into an international container terminus, it will add to our revenue by way of shipping and also it will encourage high profile tourism in our country. So my request to the Government of India would be to sanction the development project of the Vizhinjam Port as an international container terminus. I would also request the Government to provide financial assistance to develop it.

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