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Title: Need to accord clearance to the Vallarpadam Container Trans-shipment Terminal at Cochin.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): There is a widespread apprehension among the people of Kerala regarding some news item appeared in some national dailies in Kerala. It says that the Government of India is going to refuse clearance for the International Container Terminal at Cochin. As you all know, everything is ready for the setting up of a container terminal of an international standard in

Cochin. A few weeks back only the Government refused clearance for another port in Vizhinjam in Trivandrum, due to security reasons. This news item also came in the newspapers that due to security reasons, the Cochin International Trans-shipment Container Terminal is also facing the same problem of security. So, the people of Kerala and the Government of Kerala have requested the Government of India to give clearance as early as possible and the Kerala Government has also invited hon. Prime Minister for the 'foundation stone laying ceremony', for the Container Terminal at Cochin. So, this is our request; the Government should give all clearances necessary for the Trans-shipment Container Terminal at Cochin. Thank you.