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Title: Need to review the proposal to drop the construction of Vallarpadam and Vizhinjam's International Trans-Shipments Container Terminals in Kerala.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE Sir, as has been pointed out by my colleague from Kerala, Shri Krishnadas, two very important international container trans-shipment terminal projects are in doldrums due to the objections raised by the National Security Agency. Sir, these two projects are not Kerala-specific projects. They are actually of vital importance to the nation. These two ports; Vallarpadam near Cochin and Vizhinjam near Trivandrum are located adjacent to the international shipping trunk route. Due to their vital locations, these are major projects which are vital to the country. Country expects that Vallarpadam will be the hub of the container trans-shipment work as far as the whole southern region is concerned. The hon. Prime Minister himself came and laid the foundation stone for the Vallarpadam Project. Nobody had raised any objection. Sir, these projects are being operated on BOT basis and the work has been taken up by Dubai Ports World Company. The same company operates in Visakhapatnam, Mundra and Chennai Ports. Container Trans-shipment terminals are there. All of a sudden, the National Security Agency has raised this particular aspect of security on the plea that Dubai Ports World Company has taken up work in Pakistan, Guddar Port in Baluchistan. It seems that that port was constructed by a Chinese company called..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is your demand?

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Let me complete, Sir. I have been waiting here patiently from morning. ... (*Interruptions*)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय: आपकी डिमांड क्या है? यह लैक्चर देने का टाइम नहीं है। आप जो पाइंट सामने लाना चाहते हैं, वह बताइये।

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : I have to complete it, Sir. Let me complete it. Give me one minute time.... (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is not the proper way.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Is this not a proper way, Sir, to wait patiently for my turn?

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय: आप क्या चाहते हैं, आप वह तो बता नहीं रहे।

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Let me complete, Sir. If you do not allow me to complete, what can I do?

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: This is not a debate.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : The point I want to emphasise, Sir, is we feel this is not fair as far as these two particular projects are concerned.

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय: आप क्या चाहते हैं, आप वह तो बता नहीं रहे।

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : What I am requesting the Government is, ... (*Interruptions*)

उपाध्यक्ष महोदय: मैंने आपको डिस्कशन का टाइम नहीं दिया।