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Title: Need to develop Colachel port in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu, as a major container port.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): Colachel is a minor port used mostly by fishing boats/vessels strategically located at the Southern tip of India in Kanyakumari District of Tamil Nadu,

As per the feasibility study, conducted by the State Government through different agencies, the economic potential for development of Colachel Port is very high. But due to insufficient funds, the State Government requested the Central Government to carry out the project of making this as a major container port. But the project is still pending with the Central Government.

By establishing a major container port there, much of the cargo that is trans-shipped (out of Colombo, Singapore and Dubai can be re-directed to Colachel, as such it would bring additional revenue to the State.

Moreover, it would create more employment opportunities for the people, both skilled and unskilled labour as well as help the region to develop economically.

On the basis of the above facts and for the greater interest of the people of Tamil Nadu as well as for our country, I would like to urge upon the Government to make Colachel a major container port.