

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3656

TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd APRIL, 2017

COMPLETION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL AT TUTICORIN PORT

3656. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is still unable to complete the project of converting berth no. 8 at V.O.C. Port Tuticorin into Container Terminal which was started many years ago with a time-frame of completing the projects in 18 months;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time-frame to complete this project in order to commence container handling; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

- (a)to(d):As per concession agreement, the time line for completion of the project was 21 months from the date of award of concession which ended on 9.4.2015. The completion of the project was delayed for reasons of non-receipt of security clearance in respect of import of cranes and non execution of financial closure. The cranes are being shipped in batches for commissioning by end of October 2017 for container handling.
