

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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**PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC CONTAINER MANUFACTURING AND MARITIME
SELF-RELIANCE**

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Will the MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently unveiled first Made-in-India Export-Import shipping container for global shipping company;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the location, manufacturing partner and international safety certifications achieved;
- (c) whether major global shipping lines including A.P. Moller–Maersk, have placed orders for locally manufactured containers and how this impacts confidence in the country's maritime manufacturing ecosystem; and
- (d) the specific policy targets set by Government to scale up annual container manufacturing capacity up to 7.9 Lakh TEUs and the steps being taken to reduce heavy dependence on foreign container imports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
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(a) to (b) An order for shipping containers was placed by a global shipping line on an Indian container manufacturer. The domestically produced prototype container was unveiled at Dadri, Uttar Pradesh on 03.07.2026. The shipping container are produced in accordance with internationally accepted quality and safety standards, including International Organization for Standardization (ISO) specifications and the International Convention for Safe Containers (CSC).

(c) The above global shipping line has reportedly placed an order for 1,000 shipping containers on an Indian container manufacturer. Procurement of Indian-manufactured containers by global shipping lines demonstrates international confidence in India's manufacturing quality, engineering capability, and adherence to global safety standards. It also signals the emergence of India as a reliable partner in the global maritime logistics supply chain.

(d) The Government in Budget Speech 2026-27 has announced a Scheme for container manufacturing in India with a budget outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore aimed at creating globally competitive container manufacturing ecosystem in the country.
