

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3280

TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2018

VIZHINJAM PORT

3280. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details and the present status of implementation of projects at Vizhinjam Port in Kerala;
- (b) whether the Government has any mechanism to monitor the progress of these projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING  
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) As per information provided by Government of Kerala, the Vizhinjam International Seaport is located 16 Km South of the capital city of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, which is planned as the first deep water transshipment port in the country. The main advantages of Vizhinjam Port are natural depth of 18m, proximity of 10 nm to the international shipping route and the minimal maintenance dredging requirements are the key attractions of the port location.

The Government of Kerala (GoK) signed a Concession Agreement with Adani Vizhinjam Port Pvt. Ltd (AVPPL) on the 17th of August, 2015 for development and operation of the Vizhinjam seaport on Design, Build, Finance, Operate, Transfer (DBFOT) basis, for an initial concession period of 40 years. The total estimated cost for the first phase of the project is estimated at Rs.7700 Crores.

Status of construction work as on February 2018 is (i) 600 m length of breakwater (out of 3100 m); (ii) 33 Ha of reclamation (out of 53 Ha) for container yard; (iii) 142 numbers of piles (out of 615 numbers) for 800 m long berth (iv) casting of 2240 number of Accropode-II (out of 17000 numbers) for breakwater etc., have been completed. Concrete pre-casting works of structural members of berth, construction of boundary walls, preliminary works for 2 Km long access road etc., are progressing. External infrastructural facilities like (i) 3.3 MLD water treatment plant (ii) 11 KV, construction power supply etc. have been completed. The land acquisition for road connectivity to NH 66 (proposed) has been completed and the work is progressing.

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