

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3975  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019**

**Desalination Plant in Tuticorin**

**3975. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:**

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started the process of constructing the desalination plant in Tuticorin Port with an installed capacity of 5 MLD, as announced earlier;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the current status of the project and the steps taken by the Government to build the desalination plant sooner?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) to (c) As informed by V. O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Ministry of Shipping, M/s Tamilnadu Water Investment Company(TWIC) has submitted the feasibility report with estimated cost of the project Rs. 143.62 Cr, out of which, Rs. 88.11 Crore is installation cost and Rs. 55.51 Crore for operation & maintenance for a period of 7 years. The feasibility report submitted by M/s TWIC has already been approved by the Board of Trustees of V. O. Chidambaranar Port.

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