

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2369.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 06TH AUGUST, 2024.**

SHORTAGE OF CONTAINERS

**2369. SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:
SHRI C M RAMESH:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Indian exporters are facing acute shortage of containers for export in view of conflict between Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Hamas and Red Sea pirates to exports their products and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for extending Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacture of shipping grade containers to push domestic availability of containers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the efforts being made to reduce India's dependence on China for containers along with the impact of sanctions imposed on Russia on container availability for Indian exporters and importers; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to address such issue?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

(a) to (d): There is no reported acute shortage of containers for exports on account of conflict between Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Hamas and Red Sea pirates etc.

At present, there is no proposal of a Production Linked Incentive scheme for manufacturing of shipping containers; however, the Government of India has taken various measures for increasing the availability of containers both, for exports as well as for domestic shipments.

Availability of containers at any port is largely dependent on Global supply and demand dynamics. However, in this regard, regular interactions are done with shipping lines, ports/terminal operators, and export/import associations for possible interventions.

Further, Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR) which is one of the major domestic container operators in India have placed orders for procurement of containers from Indian manufactures.

To ensure continuous visibility and improving their turnaround time, the containers in export/import circuits are tracked throughout their journey in the hinterland using the digital system called Logistics Data Bank (LDB).
