

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government has also received any representation for a minimized or nominal toll tax for the vehicles at the national highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA): (a) to (c) A Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI to examine all technologies available for Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) and recommend the most suitable one for implementation throughout India. The Committee submitted its Report in July 2010 recommending adoption of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology based EPC, Gen-2, ISO-18000-6C standards for Electronic Toll Collection on National Highways in India. These recommendations have since been accepted by the Government for implementation. As per the available records, no representation has been received by the Government for a minimized or nominal toll tax for the vehicles at the National Highways.

Transshipment hub

1649. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's first transshipment hub is being created;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of benefits expected to the country from this hub?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K VASAN): (a) and (b) India's first International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) at Kochi envisages development of facilities for handling mother container ships of 8000+ Twenty Feet Equivalent Units (TEUs) capacities. The facilities include 1800 metres berth and supporting handling equipments for annual throughput of 3 million TEU along with supporting infrastructure. In terms of the Licence Agreement between Cochin Port Trust and M/s India Gateway Terminal Private Ltd (IGTPL), the terminal is to be developed in phases. Phase-I of ICTT comprises of construction of 600 metres berth and development of stacking area and other allied facilities including supporting infrastructure of 17.2 KM four lane National Highway (NH) connectivity from Kalamassery to Vallarpadam, rail connectivity of 8.86 KM from Edappally to

Vallarpadam and Capital Dredging for Deepening and Widening of the Approach Channel and Berth Basin of ICCTT to provide draught of 14.5 metres. The first phase of ICTT project along with the two lane NH connectivity, rail connectivity and Capital Dredging have been commissioned on 11th February, 2011.

(c) With the implementation of this project, need for transshipment of Indian containers through ports of other countries will be reduced substantially thereby resulting in reduced transportation cost and time to the trade. Railways and National Highways for transportation between hinterland and port will be optimally utilized. The terminal will also facilitate in setting up of port based industries and their allied facilities such as Container Freight Station, Island Container Depots, port based Special Economic Zones, transportation of cargo through Inland Waterways, Logistics, Warehousing Centers etc. in the State of Kerala which will generate additional employment opportunities.

Losses due to oil slick accidents

1650. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that various agencies had suffered huge losses due to oil slick accident happened in August, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details of such organisations and the losses caused; and
- (c) the steps Government has taken to stop this kind of accident?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The losses suffered by various agencies consequent to the collision of MSC Chitra and M.V. Khalija3 on 7th August 2010 in the approach channel of Mumbai Port.

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- (i) Expenditure incurred in the survey of the channel scan sonar - Rs. 37,09,862.
- (ii) Damage to trestle at JD4 by floating container - Rs. 6,04,022.
- (iii) Contractual obligations with M/s Jaisu Shipping co. - Rs. 14.08 crore.
- (iv) Claim for loss due to business interruption - Rs. 15.99 crore.

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- (i) Material/used supplied like dispersants buoys manpower provided - Rs. 60,48,670.