



V.O.CHIDAMBARANAR PORT TRUST
Tuticorin- 628 004



V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust invites all the container terminal operators for a meeting in **Le Royal Meridien,1 GST Road, St.Thomas Mount, Chennai -16 on 23.04.2018** in respect of conversion of existing 9th berth as container terminal, Ferry service & Mechanization of Coastal berth to discuss about the traffic forecast of mainline vessel, equipment specification & bottle necks which is described as below.

CONVERSION OF 9TH BERTH AS CONTAINER TERMINAL

The present cargo handling capacity of V.O.Chidambaranar Port is 65.90 Million Tonnes. The Port handles dry bulk cargoes, containers, liquid bulk and break bulk cargoes. In this scenario, in order to improve the cargo handling capacity, it is proposed to increase the draught from existing 12.80m to 15.20m. This will facilitate handling of fully laden Panamax vessels and Very Large Container Carriers (VLCC) up to 14000TEUs capacity, thus aiming for improvement from the feeder container Port to Gateway mainline Port and further as a transshipment Hub Port. In order to attract the mainline vessels having capacity of 14000TEUs. ***Therefore, it is proposed to upgrade the existing 9th berth of size (334.50m x 30m) as container terminal to handle 14000TEUs vessel.***

MECHANIZATION OF COASTAL BERTH

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Trust has constructed a berth of size 185 x 63.5m with a depth of (-)10m CD m for handling coastal cargoes and it was designed to handle 15000 DWT vessels with a draft of (-)9m CD. Coastal berth was designed with the uniform distributed live load of 50 KN/M². This berth can take the maximum corner load of 107.7 T. In order to provide better handling facility and to increase the productivity of the Coastal berth, ***it is proposed to provide two numbers of Harbour Mobile Cranes and two numbers of Rubber tyred electrically operated Mobile Hoppers on license basis for a period of ten years under revenue share Model.***

FERRY SERVICE

V.O.C Port proposed to facilitate ferry service between Tuticorin-Rameshwaram-Kanyakumari-Trivandrum circuit. Facilities available at Zone-B will be extended for operating the service from Tuticorin. Similarly, ferry boat jetty available at Kanyakumari and berth facility at Vizhinjam Port may be considered for operating the ferry boat in these locations. The route rationalization and scheduling may be decided by the ferry operator depending upon the market factors.