

The longest Container Vessel at Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals, V.O. Chidambaranar Port, S.C.I. Mumbai was handled at the dawn of 26th October, 2017 on trial basis.

The Container vessel S.C.I. Mumbai was berthed today morning at 06.45 Hrs. at the Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals in the presence of Shri I. Jayakumar, IRTS, Chairman V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Shri S. Natarajan, Deputy Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust, Shri Eric Lavenu, Chief Executive Officer, Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals and other senior officials of the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust and the Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals.

The Container vessel S.C.I. Mumbai with overall length of 262 metres has a capacity to carry 4395 TEUs of Containers. The vessel SCI Mumbai is one of the vessels in the PIX 2 service, calling Tuticorin at a frequency of 28 days and its rotation is Tuticorin -> Cochin -> Jebel Ali -> Mundra-> Krishnapatnam -> Kattupalli -> Tuticorin.

Shri I. Jayakumar, IRTS, Chairman, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Stated that earlier in V.O.Chidambaranar Port, vessels with length over all of 230 metres with Container carrying capacity of 2500 TEUs were calling this Port . The humble start of this trial run with Container carrying capacity of 4395 TEUs and length over all of 262 metres would pave way for attracting more International and coastal volumes and would also induce the main line operators offering services from Far East, Red Sea and East Africa to call V.O.Chidambaranar Port. He further added that these services would be the game changer in container business in this part of the country creating new opportunities and delivering cost efficient services to customers.

In V.O. Chidambaranar Port, the record of handling the longest Container vessel happened 11 years back on 01st November 2006. Round The World (RTW) service vessel M.V. Limari, with an overall length of 269 metres made its first call at Tuticorin offering direct calls to Europe, Mediterranean countries, China and USA placed V.O. Chidambaranar Port in the International chart of the container trade.

It's a matter of pride that V.O. Chidambaranar Port, the vibrant seaport of South India ranks fourth amongst the Indian Major Ports in terms of Container handling. The Port has handled 6.42 lakh TEUs during the last financial year and this year, the Port has handled 3.78 lakh TEUs upto 25.10.2017. The Two terminals operated by M/s. PSA SICAL and M/s. Dakshin

Bharat Gateway Terminals possess a combined capacity of 1.17 Million TEUs on full fledged operations of M/s. Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminals which is expected by January 2018.

In order to cope up with the Container traffic forecast of 3.28 Million TEUs by the year 2025-26, plans are on the anvil by the Port to Deepen the Harbour Basin & Approach Channel to facilitate draft of 15.20 metres (12.80m present draft), Modify the Harbour Entrance to 230 metres (153m present width), strengthen the berths 1 to 6 and convert the berths 3 & 4 as Container Terminal to handle Very Large Container Carriers (VLCC) up to 14000 TEUs capacity.

