

Kottayam Inland Container Depot and Mini Port

The first PPP Minor Port and ICD Project in Kerala, the Kottayam Port and Container Terminal, was inaugurated on 17th August 2009. This is also India's first port (notified under Indian Ports Act) and an Inland Container Depot (ICD) to utilise inland waterway with Customs notified area for Exports & Imports. The Kottayam Port and Container Terminal is a first of its kind project of Public Private Partnership under the ASIDE scheme of Government of India promoted by South Indian Chamber Of Commerce and Industry and KINFRA. The total outlay of the project is Rs. 9.56 crores.

The Project

Kottayam is connected to the Cochin Port by an inland waterway which is the National Waterway No. III. The project being developed at Nattakom on the banks of Kodur River connects to Vembanadu Lake and the National Waterway III. As per a survey conducted by an external agency, there are over 1000 exporters in the three districts of Kottayam, Idukki and Pathanamthitta. Every year nearly 18,500 containers are transported from these districts to the Cochin Port by road. This project is to transport these containers in barges to Cochin Port through Inland Waterway. Thus from the first year itself, an estimated 6,000 containers/ year will be diverted from road to waterway.

Projects Highlights

- The first Multi Modal ICD and Minor Port in India utilising inland waterway facility
- The first and only ICD in Kerala
- Hub port for 3 districts
- Beneficial for 1000+ Exporters/Importers of central Kerala
- Promotion and 100% utilisation of Inland water transport system.
- Estimated 6000 containers/ year will be diverted from road to waterway.
- Earning of carbon credit and reduction in road congestion
- The total logistics cost can be reduced by up to Rs 5000/- from the present cost by the road transportation to Cochin port from Kottayam.
- The first Export promotion infrastructure Development project in Kerala utilizing Inland waterway
- Transportation of containerized cargo by Road and through water
- Stuffing and de-stuffing of export & import container
- Customs office facility for exports & Imports
- Banking facility for Customs duty payment
- Implementation of Ro-Ro concept
- State of the art technology
- Online tracking of export /import goods
- Container yard

Infrastructure available

- Total land area of 10 Acres

- 8,500 Sq.ft. Administrative building for Customs, CHA's, EDI department, ICD staff, Accounts, EDP, etc.
- 38,000 Sq.ft. warehouse facilities for export / import and hazardous cargo
- Container yard
- Gate complex
- Canteen
- Container Barge
- Compound wall as per Customs specification
- Material handling equipments