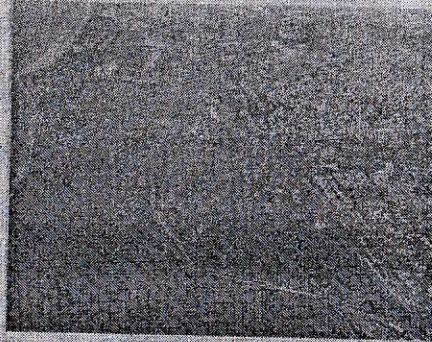


# Maruti in export tie-up with Kamarajar Port

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Maruti Suzuki India Ltd plans to use the Kamarajar Port to export passenger vehicles. The vehicle manufacturer has entered into a five-year agreement with the port, which has set up a car-cum-general cargo berth.

Maruti Suzuki will tap the markets in Africa, West Asia, Latin America, ASEAN, Oceania & SAARC regions. Kamarajar port, about 24 km north of the Chennai is the fourth port after Mumbai,



Mundra and Pipavav for export of Maruti Suzuki cars, says a company release.

As a part of the partnership between Suzuki Motor Corporation and Toyota Motor Corporation, Maruti Suzuki's Grand Vitara is

manufactured at Toyota Kirloskar Motor's Bidadi plant in Karnataka. The vehicles to be exported will be moved to the pre-delivery inspection centre at the Kamarajar port, and subsequently shipped, the release said.

Hisashi Takeuchi, Managing Director & CEO, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd said, "The start of exports from the Kamarajar port will help us reach out to a wider base of customers. This initiative will help decongest the Mumbai Port, Mundra Port and Pipavav Port used to export vehicles at

present."

Sunil Paliwal, CMD, KPL, "We are glad to enter into an agreement with India's leading passenger vehicle manufacturer, Maruti Suzuki, to offer our port services for export of vehicles to regions across the globe. Maruti Suzuki has earned the distinction of being a major contributor to exports from India, and associating with the company will help us augment our operations as well. We hope to make this collaboration a success and contribute to India's economy."