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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

G No. 49 **New Delhi,** **10 February 2014**

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby extends the validity of the Scale of Rates at the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust as in the Order appended hereto.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/9/2010-TPT

The V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust --- Applicant

QUORUM

(i). Shri. T.S. Balasubramanian, Member (Finance)
(ii). Shri. Chandra Bhan Singh, Member (Economic)

O R D E R
(Passed on this 10th day of January 2014)

This case relates to the extension of the validity of the existing Scale of Rates of the V.O. Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOCPT).

2. The existing Scale of Rates of the VOCPT was last approved by this Authority vide Order No.TAMP/9/2010-TPT dated 11 October 2011 which is notified in the Gazette of India on 11 November 2011. The Order prescribes the validity of the SOR till 31 March 2013. This Authority has extended the validity of SOR of VOCPT twice. This Authority has last extended the validity of the existing SOR of VOCPT till 31 December 2013 vide its Order dated 29 October 2013.

3.1. The proposal filed by the VOCPT vide its letters dated 28 February 2013 and 19 March 2013 is taken on consultation with the concerned users / user association. The additional information / clarification is sought from the port vide our letter dated 12 July 2013.

3.2. Joint hearing on the proposal is held on 13 September 2013. As agreed at the joint hearing, the VOCPT was requested to initiate action on a few points and also furnish additional information / clarifications sought vide our letter dated 12 July 2013 immediately. The VOCPT has furnished its response vide its letter dated 23 October 2013. The reply furnished by the VOCPT is being examined. It will take some more time for the case to mature for final consideration.

4. As the extended validity of the existing SOR has expired on 31 December 2013, the VOCPT vide its letter dated 13 January 2014 has requested this Authority to extend the validity of the existing SOR till the revised rates are notified with respect to the procedures for revision of Scale of Rates.

5. In the meantime, the Government in Ministry of Shipping (MOS) has extended the validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 till 31 March 2014 or until further orders. As advised by the MOS, this Authority has extended the validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 vide its Order No.TAMP/21/2009-WS dated 20 December 2013 which is notified in the Gazette of India on 26 December 2013 vide G.No. 340.

6. The extended validity of the existing SOR of VOCPT expired on 31 December 2013. Recognizing that it will take some time for this case to mature for final consideration and also recognising that the validity of the Tariff Guidelines, 2005 is extended till 31 March 2014, this Authority extends the validity of the existing SOR alongwith the Pension Fund Levy for labour deployed from TPTCHLP and the Special Rate for Capital Dredging, for the reasons mentioned in Order dated 9 May 2013, till 31 March 2014 or till the effective date of implementation of the revised Scale of Rates, whichever is earlier.

7. If any additional surplus over and above the admissible cost and permissible return emerges for the period post 1 April 2013, during the review of its performance, such additional surplus will be set off fully in the tariff to be determined.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)