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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

G No. 300

New Delhi,

20 November 2013

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
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)

ORDER

(Passed on this 29th day of October 2013)

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. Subsequently, the validity of the existing SOR was extended by this Authority till 30 September 2013 vide Order dated 9 May 2013.

3.1. The proposal filed by the VOCPT vide 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. The VOCPT has not furnished its response.

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 reminded to furnish additional information / clarifications sought vide our letter dated 12 July 2013. The response of VOCPT is still awaited.

4. In the meantime, as the validity of the existing SOR has expired, the VOCPT vide its letter dated 3 October 2013 has requested this Authority to extend the validity of the existing SOR for a further period as deemed fit or till the effective date of implementation of the revised SOR, whichever is earlier.

5. The extended validity of the existing SOR expired on 30 September 2013. Considering that the port has still to furnish the additional information sought by us and recognizing the time required to examine the information to be furnished, it will take some time for the case to mature for final consideration. This Authority, therefore, 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 the earlier Order dated 9 May 2012, from the date of expiry till 31 December 2013 or till the effective date of implementation of the revised Scale of Rates, whichever is earlier.

6. 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. If any loss is suffered by the VOCPT beyond 1 April 2013, it would not be factored in the tariff to be determined.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)