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Tariff Authority for Major Ports

G.No.85

New Delhi,

13 March 2015

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby disposes of the proposal received from Cochin Port Trust (COPT) for general revision of its Scale of Rates, as in the Order appended hereto.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)

Member (Finance)

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/61/2014-COPT

Cochin Port Trust

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Applicant

QUORUM:

- (i). Shri. T. S. Balasubramanian, Member (Finance)
- (ii). Shri. C. B. Singh, Member (Economic)

ORDER

(Passed on this 13th day of February, 2015)

This case relates to the proposal received from the Cochin Port Trust (COPT) for general revision of its Scale of Rates (SOR).

2. The existing SOR of the COPT was last approved by this Authority vide Order No. TAMP/49/2011-COPT dated 1 April 2013 which was notified in the Gazette of India on 10 June 2013, with a validity till 31 March 2015.

3. The COPT has filed its proposal for revision of its SOR vide its letter no. FD/Costing/Revision of SOR/2015-18/2014 dated 3 November 2014. The case was taken up for consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The comments received from users/ user organization were forwarded to the Port as feedback information. The joint hearing in the subject case was to be scheduled.

4.1 In the meantime, the Ministry of Shipping (MOS), vide its letter No. 8(1)/2014-TAMP dated 13 January 2015 has issued the new "Policy for determination of Tariff for Major Port Trusts, 2015" which was notified in the Gazette of India vide Gazette No. 30 dated 27 January 2015 by this Authority. The new "Policy for determination of Tariff for Major Port Trusts, 2015" has come into effect from 13 January 2015.

4.2. The tariff fixation process envisaged in the new Tariff Policy of 2015 for Major Port Trust by MOS, is significantly different from the tariff fixation method stipulated in the Tariff Guidelines of 2005. Hence, the proposal filed by COPT under tariff guidelines of 2005 cannot be processed in its present form.

5. In view of the above position, this Authority based on collective application of mind decides to close the proposal dated 3 November 2014 filed by COPT for general revision of its SOR. The COPT is advised to file a revised proposal in accordance with the new Tariff policy of 2015 announced by the MOS. The proposal when received will be processed following the new Tariff Policy, 2015.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)