Tariff Authority for Major Ports

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby approves the proposal of the Tuticorin Port Trust to extend till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total the validity of the revised special rate for dredging payable by vessels calling at its container terminal as in the Order appended hereto.

(S. Sathyam)
Chairman

Case No.TAMP/11/2001-TPT

The Tuticorin Port Trust (TPT) - - - Applicant

ORDER

(Passed on this 25th day of February 2002)

This Authority had passed an Order on 2 June 2000 prescribing a special rate for capital dredging at the Tuticorin Port Trust (TPT). Subsequently, based on a request from the TPT, a reduction in the special rate for capital dredging in respect of vessels calling at the container berth had been approved for a specific period of six months from 27 February 2001 to 26 August 2001. As requested by the TPT, the validity of the revised special rates for capital dredging was initially extended for a period of three months with effect from 27 August 2001 and further extended for a period of three months from 27 November 2001 or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier, vide this Authority’s Order dated 19 November 2001. The Order was notified in the Gazette of India on 20 November 2001.

2.1. The TPT has now proposed to extend the concession till the date of decision on its proposal for revision of the special rate for dredging in total.

2.2. The TPT has given the following points in support of its proposal:

(i). A fresh proposal for the revision of the special rate for dredging in total was considered by the Board of Trustees of the TPT in its meeting held on 16 February 2002. Action is being taken to send the proposal to the Authority for consideration.

(ii). The validity of the revised special rate for capital dredging on vessels calling at the Container Terminal at the TPT may be extended till the date of
implementation of the Order of the Authority on the proposal of the port on general revision of tariff. This is intended to continue the revised special rate for capital dredging on container vessels calling at TPT Container Terminal without any break.

3. It is noteworthy that the special rate was reduced earlier based on a commercial judgement of the TPT. In the instant case, the TPT sought extension of the concession on the ground that the TPT has included comprehensive revision of dredging levy along with its proposal for general revision of its Scale of Rates which has been approved by the Board of Trustees in its meeting held on 16 February 2002.

4. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this Authority decides to extend the validity of the revised special rate for capital dredging on vessels calling at the Container Terminal at the TPT till the date of decision on its proposal for revision of the special rate for dredging in total as a part of the next general revision / review of its Scale of Rates.

( S. Sathyam )

Chairman

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