Tariff Authority for Major Ports

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 48 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby reopens the case relating to a proposal of the Chennai Port Trust for revision of rates for handling of iron ore as in the Order appended hereto.

(S. Sathyam)
Chairman

ORDER

(Passed on this 11th day of March 2002)

This Authority had passed an Order on 25 February 2002 in the case relating to the proposal of the CHPT for revision of rates for handling iron ore which was notified in the Gazette of India on 27 February 2002. In the said Order, this Authority had decided to close the case for want of the information required to analyse the proposal. While closing the case, it was decided that the position relating to iron ore handling charges could be taken up for review at the time of the next general revision / review of the CHPT tariff which was due in April 2002.

2. Even though a deadline of 22 February 2002 was fixed for submission of the requisite details by the CHPT before closing the case, it has submitted the details on 28 February 2002.

3.1. Subsequently, with reference to the decision to close the case, the CHPT vide its communication dated 6 March 2002 has requested this Authority to review its decision to close the case for the following reasons:

(i). Cost statements compiled earlier had to undergo a lot of changes in view of the new BOT arrangement at its container terminal, shifting of coal traffic to Ennore Port, special VRS to employees, etc.

(ii). Its officials were pre-occupied with the work relating to different Parliamentary Committees, Estimates Committee and Public Accounts Committee which visited the CHPT to discuss various issues concerning the CHPT.

3.2. While regretting the delay in furnishing information to this Authority, the CHPT has also highlighted that it loses heavily on iron ore handling activity.
4. Bearing in mind the fact that the CHPT has now submitted the requisite details, this Authority takes a lenient view of the matter and is inclined to reconsider its earlier decision to close the case.

5. Accordingly, based on a collective application of mind, this Authority hereby decides to re-open this case for consideration on merits. Since consultation with users has already been made and a joint hearing in this case has also been set up already, this case will be now taken up for final consideration, after scrutiny of the details furnished by the CHPT.

( S. Sathyam )

Chairman