G No. 123                  New Delhi,    11 May 2012

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 disposes of the Proposal from the Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited for fixation of tariff for the newly established pre-gate facility as in the Order appended hereto.

(Rani Jadhav)
Chairperson
This case relates to a proposal received from the Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited (VCTPL) dated 6 February 2012 for fixation of tariff for the newly established Pre-Gate facility.

2. The VCTPL has proposed to include new tariff item – ‘Pre-Gate Facility’ in their Scale of Rates and has proposed to levy ₹100/- per container. The VCTPL has also requested to consider their proposal and notify the rates at the earliest as the facility has already been started with effect from 28 January 2012 and that the terminal would be incurring expenditure.

3. In accordance with the consultative procedure prescribed, the proposal of VCTPL was forwarded to the VPT and concerned users/ user organisations seeking their comments. The comments received from the users/ user organisations were forwarded to VCTPL as feedback information. The VCTPL has not responded.

4. Based on a preliminary scrutiny of the proposal, the VCTPL was requested to furnish additional information/ clarifications vide our letter dated 3 April 2012. The VCTPL has not furnished its reply.

5.1. A joint hearing in this case was held on 17 April 2012 at the VPT premises. At the joint hearing, the VCTPL, VPT and the concerned users/ organisation bodies have made their submissions.

5.2. It was agreed at the joint hearing, that VCTPL would sit with the VPT and evolve an alternate arrangement in the light of the observations of VPT against commercial utilisation of land allotted for truck parking, etc. The VCTPL was also requested to convey by 23 April 2012 whether it would like to pursue with its proposal.

5.3. In response, VCTPL vide its letter dated 20 April 2012 has submitted that the entire matter will need a thorough review in consultation with VPT. It has, therefore, requested that the proposal for fixation of tariff at ₹100/- per container may be treated as withdrawn.

6. In view of the submissions made by the VCTPL, this Authority decides to close the case in reference and treat the VCTPL proposal dated 6 February 2012 as withdrawn. The revised proposal filed by VCTPL, if any, will be processed afresh.

7. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this Authority decides to close the VCTPL proposal dated 6 February 2012 as withdrawn.

( Rani Jadhav )
Chairperson