

TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

The Activities of the Tariff Authority for Major Ports in the year 2021-22.

The Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) under the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 regulates the tariff of Major Port Trusts and BOT Terminals operating thereat.

2. The Major Port Authorities Bill, 2020 passed by the Parliament was notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India on 18 February 2021 in the Gazette of India. The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 has come into force from 3 November, 2021. With the Major Port Authorities (MPA) Act, 2021 brought into force by the Central Government w.e.f. 03 November 2021, TAMP is to discharge the functions of the Adjudicatory Board until constitution of the Adjudicatory Board

3. The Year 2021-22 has ended. After the severe impact of COVID-19 in the previous year 2020-21, the year 2021-2022 started moving gradually and smoothly quarter by quarter except the months of April and May 2021 when India was severely hit by the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the economic activities are back on track. Everything has gone from physical to digital during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Meetings and joint hearings with stakeholders continued in virtual form instead of physical form abiding by the Government guidelines / protocols.

5. As a part of consultation process in regulating tariff, TAMP organized 17 Virtual Hearings jointly with the Ports, Port users and BOT operators for Port tariff. The joint hearings gave an opportunity to the stakeholders of being heard of their views on the proposals. The discussions at the joint hearing very often throw up issues that call for further attention by the Port Trusts / BOT operators. In some cases, based on the discussions, as directed by the TAMP, the Port Trusts modified and fine-tuned their proposals.

6. The Board of TAMP could meet only 2 times in the year 2021 (from April 2021 to 02 November 2021). However, this did not dampen the disposal of tariff cases. The Authority approved many of the tariff cases by circulation.

During the said period of seven months, the Board of TAMP decided 36 tariff cases of various ports / BOT operators including estate related charges of major ports of which 11 related to fixation of lease rent of Mumbai Port. These 36 tariff cases were approved by the Authority in a record period of seven months as against target set of 45 tariff cases for the whole year 2021-22. TAMP has passed 1087 Tariff orders since its inception from April 1997. With the Major Port Authorities (MPA) Act, 2021 brought into force by the Central Government w.e.f. 03 November 2021, TAMP is not mandated to undertake the tariff setting functions envisaged in the erstwhile Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

7. TAMP has observed Swachhata Pakhwada-2020 from 16.09.2021 to 30.09.2021. Since "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" is an all time activity, the directives for cleanliness are continuously observed throughout the year.

8. TAMP celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2022 and also run up to the said event from 2 March 2022 to 7 March 2022 organizing various events, competition etc., showcasing and highlighting achievements of women in various fields.

9. TAMP maintains a website since the year 2001. The website is updated regularly and all the orders passed by TAMP from January 2000, Tariff Guideline formats for filing tariff proposals, RTI related details etc., are posted in the website. The TAMP website is bilingual and is GIGW compliant. The website can be accessed at www.tariffauthority.gov.in to know more about the various details of TAMP.

10. Until the constitution of the Adjudicatory Board, as per the MPA Act 2021, TAMP is to discharge the functions of the Adjudicatory Board. The Rules and procedure to be followed by the TAMP/ Adjudicatory Board for discharging the functions envisaged in the MPA Act 2021 under finalisation. In the meanwhile, TAMP has taken up the matters / references / cases received for processing.
