



दीनदयाल पत्तन प्राधिकरण
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DEENDAYAL PORT AUTHORITY
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TRADE NOTICE

Sub: **Mandatory Use of Designated Rest Areas by Dock Workers and Prohibition of Resting in Operational Areas, Including Onboard Vessels – Reg.**

It has been observed with grave concern that workers engaged in cargo handling and allied operations are frequently found sitting, resting, or sleeping in operational areas such as berths, jetties, cargo plots, backup areas, cargo stacking zones, truck movement lanes, and onboard vessels.

Recently, a serious incident occurred within Port limits wherein workers resting in an operational area sustained injuries due to vehicular movement. The incident has once again highlighted the significant risks associated with workers remaining in locations not designated for rest.

Such unsafe practices expose workers to serious hazards arising from moving vehicles, cargo handling equipment, lifting operations, suspended loads, falling objects, vessel movements, and other operational activities, which may result in serious injury or loss of life.

The safety, health and welfare of dock workers is of paramount importance. Accordingly, in the interest of protecting life, preventing accidents, enhancing occupational safety, and promoting the well-being of all personnel working within Port limits and onboard vessels, the following directions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all CHAs, Stevedores, Contractors, Labour Suppliers, Transport Operators, Vessel Agents and other stakeholders.

1. Prohibition on Resting in Operational Areas

No worker shall be permitted to sit, rest, sleep, or take breaks in any operational area, including but not limited to:

- Berths and jetties;
- Backup areas and cargo plots;
- Cargo stacking and storage areas;
- Truck parking and vehicle movement lanes;
- Roadways and equipment operating zones;
- Onboard vessels in cargo work areas, hatch covers, decks, access ways, machinery spaces, or any location exposed to operational hazards.

2. Use of Designated Welfare Facilities

All workers shall utilize only the designated:

- Rest shelters;
- Canteens;
- Welfare facilities; and
- Other approved resting locations

for taking meals, refreshments, or work breaks.

3. Provision of Additional Rest Shelters

To further strengthen worker welfare and facilitate compliance with this Trade Notice, any CHA or Stevedore desirous of establishing additional rest shelter facilities within Port premises may submit a request to Deendayal Port Authority.

The Port shall permit installation of portable container-based rest shelters to be deployed by concerned CHA/Stevedore based on their operational requirement.

4. Responsibility of Employers and Supervisors

All CHAs, Stevedores, Contractors and Labour Suppliers shall:

- Ensure that workers are informed of these requirements through toolbox talks, safety briefings and awareness programmes;
- Arrange adequate supervision to prevent workers from resting in operational areas;
- Ensure availability and effective utilization of designated rest facilities;
- Display suitable safety instructions at work sites wherever necessary; and
- Take immediate corrective action whenever unsafe practices are observed.

5. Compliance and Enforcement

Any instance of workers resting in operational areas shall be treated as a serious safety violation. The concerned CHA, Stevedore, Contractor, Labour Supplier, or employer agency shall be held responsible for such lapses.

Any injury, accident, or unsafe occurrence arising out of non-compliance with these directions shall be viewed seriously, and responsibility shall rest upon the concerned agency and its supervisory staff.

Deendayal Port Authority reserves the right to initiate suitable action, including suspension of operations, issuance of safety violation notices, recovery of costs, and/or imposition of penalties, as applicable under Port regulations, safety guidelines, and contractual provisions.

All stakeholders are directed to accord the highest priority to this matter and ensure immediate and strict implementation of the above instructions. The cooperation of all trade members is solicited in creating a safer working environment and preventing avoidable accidents within Port premises and onboard vessels.

This Trade Notice shall come into force with immediate effect.

**Traffic Manager
Deendayal Port Authority**