

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH PORT USERS ON 16.6.2020 AT 15.30 HRS. IN THE BOARD ROOM, A.O. BUILDING, GANDHIDHAM ON SAFETY RELATED ISSUES AND PRODUCTIVITY NORMS

P R E S E N T

1. Shri S. Kirupanandasamy, Traffic Manager
2. Shri Abir Bose, Dy. TM
3. Shri Bhavesh H. Madhavi, Safety Officer

Port Users: As per list attached

At the outset, Traffic Manager, DPT welcomed the Port Users to the meeting.

Traffic Manager informed the Port Users present in the meeting that the Inspectorate (Dock Safety), Kandla communicated various non-compliances by the Port Users while performing Port activities and directed to ensure compliance of all the safety related issues as per the Dock Workers (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations, 1990, which inter alia include appointment of Safety Officers, Welfare Officers by the Port Users, providing actual data of dock workers entering into the dock area for carrying out Port operations, in the prescribed format, imparting safety training to the workers, preparation of a check-list for compliance of regulations, submission of data in the prescribed formats, etc. He requested all the Port users to ensure compliance of all dock safety regulations.

Port Users expressed their concern over appointment of Safety and Welfare Officers by each Port User and they suggested that instead of one Officer by each Company, one Officer for all the Users may be appointed for the purpose. TM stated that as per the said Regulations, every employer of dock worker shall employ at least one Safety Officer, provided that the employers may form a group and appoint Safety Officer for the group. As far as imparting safety training is concerned, Traffic Manager informed that the Port Trust has required infrastructure facilities like training hall, material, etc. to impart training to all the dock workers and giving certification to them. He also informed that the Department has formulated various training modules for the purpose. As such, the Port Users shall take action for appointment of Safety Officer and Welfare Office for all Port Users to impart the training in the Port premises. However, a mechanism needs to be developed by the Port Users for the purpose of imparting training to all Dock workers in the Port premises including appointment of Officers and payment of remuneration to them, etc. TM stated that if the arrangements are made for in-house training, the Port Users can save huge expenditure on account of safety training, which is otherwise being done by the individual Port Users. TM requested the Users to discuss the issue and develop a mechanism for appointment of Safety Officer to conduct training by 9th July, 2020 in order comply with the provisions of Dock Safety Rules.

The Stevedores Association raised the issue regarding levying of penal berth hire charges on Stevedores by the Port as per the TAMP's Order. They expressed their concern that the penal berth hire charges should not be levied on the Stevedores, if the productivity norms are not achieved due to the Issues attributable to the Vessel Agents. Traffic Manager suggested that both the Stevedores and Vessels Agents may jointly discuss the issue and submit a proposal for consideration by the Management of DPT.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.


Traffic Manager
Deendayal Port Trust