

**Jayant Lapsia**
President

President's Message

With the deadline for implementation of the revolutionary and much awaited GST fast approaching, there seems to be a lot of scampering and apprehensive mind set prevailing in the trade and industry. Many are still looking for the jig-saw puzzle to be solved, as clarity on various issues still need well defined and well directed solutions and answers.

No doubt, since last month, the only conferences and seminars being held are the ones on GST. Still, there is no satisfactory nor any concrete outcome to the various unanswered questions.

However, time will tell, and, going by the conviction with which the Government is determined to ensure its launch on 1st July 2017, one has to be patient and accept the harsh realities of facing teething

problems, for an extended duration of time, since lot of ambiguities and initial operational hazards will have to be overcome.

Even from the perspective of the government, it is going to be very tough and challenging task, since, for the first time, there is a sacred and sanctified tie up between the State and Centre to ensure overall success of GST and its smooth implementation. Even for the officers of the Central and State Governments, it is going to be a herculean task to ensure that they mitigate the problems and confusions at early stages itself, so that it can instill good amount of confidence in the Trade and Industry.

At the end of first year of GST, the fate of our country's economic progress and the health of our economic growth will be determined. If the implementation is smooth and there are very few

initial resolvable hiccup ups, then, there is bound to be an unprecedented upward swing in our country's economic fortunes.

One must appreciate that the introduction of GST is certainly

a very healthy, thoughtful and revolutionary move initiated by our Government, moreover, the government itself is very keen and has been working overtime to ensure that GST is infused into the

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system with utmost ease and is very transparent.

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While the current focus and thrust is centered around GST, one only hopes that the Government does not lose focus and sight on the implementation and stabilizing 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS'. At the moment, ease of doing business is seemingly losing its impact and essence, as, still at the cutting edge level, there is great deal of resistance to accept the reforms set in by the government of fostering transparency and ensuring good governance. However, unless the government imposes and thrusts the factor of accountability, quality, and discipline, the new reforms, such as ease of doing business will

continue to languish in the clutches of such corrupt officials who are hell bent to strangulate this initiative, so that they can continue to 'milk' and carry on their exploits as is being done since the last 69 years!

With keenness to showcase transparency and good governance, and, with various innovative measures being introduced, curbing and putting a break on laundering of money [via humungous bank loans] and keeping a tight vigil on huge cash transactions, the government is hell bent to wipe out black deeds of various Corporates and business houses and black

money. It will take time and it calls for a holistic support from one and all, but, the first step will have to be taken by the Government in bringing to books its corrupt officials and enforcing accountability at all levels, bringing in quality officers, who are well experienced, knowledgeable and educated.

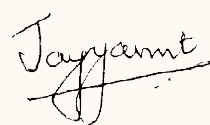
Also, success of any such reform will be more sweeter and impactive if the political considerations, political compulsions, and vote bank politics are kept out of the ambit of such reforms. The fact that it has taken 69 long years, since independence, for this Government to churn out various reforms, is a clear indication of the fact that vote bank politics, political compulsions and policy

of appeasement for political considerations was paramount and sole factor which actually eroded the quality of governance and was an ideal fodder for fostering corruption and corrupt practices.

As the summer's sizzling heat and soaring temperatures are proving to exceed bearable limits, one

hopes that the heat generated upon introduction of GST will also prove detrimental to all corrupt officers and will put an end to all corrupt practices.

AILBIEA wishes to compliment and salute the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Central Board of Excise and Customs and all the officers of GST Council conveying our best wishes and support.



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AILBIEA Celebrates its Anniversary

All India Liquid Bulk Import Export Association (AILBIEA) is India's pioneer trade body for orderly promotion of EXIM trade in liquid bulk cargoes (crude and related mineral oils, vegetable oil, industrial oils, chemicals, petro-chemicals, ethanol etc). Top corporate in liquid bulk trade such as Godrej Industries, Hindustan Unilever, Supreme Petrochem, Kamani Oil Industries, Aegis Logistics and several others are members of the association.



President Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa speaking on Mr. M.P. TAPARIA'S Life time Achievement Award at the AILBIEA Anniversary. From left Mr. G. Chandrasekhar [Standing], Mr. Rajeev Tandon [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai], Mr. N.B. Godrej [Managing Director-Godrej Industries Ltd.], Mr. M.P. Taparia [Chairman-Supreme Petrochem Ltd.], Mrs. M.P. Taparia, Mr. Rupesh Agarwal [Director-Procurement-South East Asia-Hindustan Unilever Ltd.], Dr. John Joseph – [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Jawahar Customs, Nhava Sheva], Mr. Bani Bhattacharya-[Principal Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai], Mr. Sanjay Bhatia-Chairman Mumbai Port Trust.

Mr G. Chandrasekhar-Noted Agri Commodity and Edible Oil analyst and former editor of Business Line-and also Chief Advisor to the Association, began the proceedings with his lucid remarks on the Liquid Bulk scenario. He was buoyant on the imports of Liquid Bulk cargoes, particularly of POL and edible oils. Mr. G. Chandrasekhar said that 'Liquid bulk import and export trade was all set to expand in coming five years.

"Liquid bulk cargoes are on top of Mumbai port's attention and all efforts will be made to expand the volume of import and export trade through the port", asserted Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust. He was speaking at the annual high level interactive meeting organized by All India Liquid Bulk Import Export Association on April 7 in Mumbai.

Dignitaries from the revenue side who shared their views with the delegates included Mr. Rajiv Tandon- Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai, Dr. John Joseph-, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Jawahar Customs, Nhava Sheva; Mr. Bani Bhattacharya-Principal Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Nadir Godrej, Managing Director, Godrej Industries Ltd and co-chaired by Mr. Rupesh Agarwal Director, HUL.

The Chief Commissioner Customs, Mumbai, Mr. Rajeev

Tandon, highlighted the various initiatives of his department to promote, facilitate and expedite clearance. This included deferred payment of customs duty and the Authorized Economic Operator Scheme. He also referred to the proactive role of AILBIEA, particularly that of the President Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa, in working closely with the department.

The Chief Commissioner of customs at Jawahar Customs-Nhava Sheva spoke on the various initiatives undertaken by JNPT Customs. He complimented AILBIEA for the proactive role and also their support against the Steamer Agents ongoing case in the High Court.

Mr. Rupesh Agarwal- Director Procurement-South Asia-Hindustan Unilever Ltd. complimented AILBIEA and also assured the Customs Commissioners of the Trade coming much closer to the department's call on various issues and also to closely interact with the department.

Earlier, welcoming delegates present, Mr. Jayant Lapsia, President, AILBIEA, mentioned some of the recent achievements of the association with respect to addressing the operational issues faced by importers and exporters. He urged the authorities to trust the members of the association members who are generally known to uphold ethical standards. Also, he expressed optimism

that the country's liquid bulk trade covering crude oil, vegetable oil, chemicals and others will continue to expand in the wake of strong GDP growth and demand.

The Highlight of the meeting was the conferment of LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD on Mr. M.P. Taparia, Chairman-Supreme Petrochem Ltd. And Managing Director of Supreme Industries Ltd. by AILBIEA. The honours were done by Mr. Nadir Godrej-M.D. Godrej Industries- presenting the citation, Mr. Rajeev Tandon-Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai & Dr. John Joseph-Chief Commissioner of JNPT presenting the SILVER LAMP and, Mr. Sanjay Bhatia-Chairman-Mumbai Port Trust & Mr. Rupesh Agrawal of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. put the Shawl on Mr. M.P. Taparia.

AILBIEA STELLAR AWARDS were conferred on:-

1. M/s. Haresh Petrochem Ltd. for their significant contribution in Promoting Exim Trade for the year 2016-17.
2. M/s. Jai Hind Oil Mills Company for being a vibrant liquid bulk installation in the hinterland.
3. Mr. Prakash Hiranandani (Vice President-Marketing] Aegis Logistics for being an outstanding executive officer in the Liquid Bulk Trade for the year 2016-17.
4. Mr. Pramod Pardale [Asth. General Manager] V.V.F. India Ltd. for being an outstanding executive officer in the Liquid Bulk Trade for the year 2016-17.
5. Mr. Dushyant Mulani-Hon. Secretary-Brihan Mumbai Custom House Agents Association- for Outstanding Personality in Exim Trade for the year 2016-17.

Special Citations for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade were given to:-

1. M/s, Godrej Industries Ltd.
2. M/s. Hindustan Unilever Ltd.
3. M/s. Aegis Logistics Ltd.
4. M/s. Adani Wilmar Ltd.
5. Krishnapattanam Port.

AILBIEA members presented their President Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa with a special Citation and a Silver Lamp for being the recipient of the World Custom Organization's Certificate of Merit by the Finance Ministry thru' the CBEC. On 27th of January at New Delhi.

Over 300 top CEOs, Customs, Central Excise and Port officials attended this prestigious event at the Regal Room, of Hotel Trident. Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021.



Mr. N.B. Godrej [Managing Director - M/s. Godrej Industries Ltd.] present Mr. M.P. Taparia [Chariman-Supreme Petrochem Ltd. and Managing Director of Supreme Industries] with the LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT Plaque at AILBIEA's Anniversary event held at Regal Room of Hotel Trident.



Mr. Rajeev Tandon [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai] and Mr. John Joseph [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Jawahar Customs, Nhava Sheva] presenting Mr. M.P. Taparia with a SILVER Lamp. On the extreme right is Rupesh Agrawal [Director Procurement-South Asia-M/s. Hindustan Unilever Ltd.] at AILBIEA's anniversary event held at Regal Room of Hotel Trident.



Mr. Prakash Hiranandani [Vice President-Marketing-M/s. Aegis Logistics Ltd.] receiving the AILBIEA Stellar Award for Outstanding Executive Officer-Liquid Bulk Trade at the hands of Mr. Rajeev Tandon [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai] at AILBIEA's anniversary event held at Regal Room of Hotel Trident



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Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Hon. Secretary-Brihan Mumbai Custom House Agents Association] receiving the OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY in EXIM Trade award at the hands of Mr. N.B. Godrej [Managing Director-M/s. Godrej Industries Ltd.] on the left standing is Mr. Ashish Pednekar- President of Brihan Mumbai Custom House Agents Association.



Mr. Kunal Kasat and Mr. Kanubhai Kasat [in centre] of M/s. Haresh Petrochem Ltd. receiving the AILBIEA Stellar Award for Outstanding Contributions to Liquid Bulk Trade 2016-17 from Mr. Sanjay Bhatia-Chairman - Mumbai Port Trust.



Mr. N.B. Godrej [Managing Director-Godrej Industries Ltd.] and Mr. Rupesh Agrawal [Director Procurement-South Asia-M/s. Hindustan Unilever Ltd.] exchanging the AILBIEA's special citation for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade conferred on M/s, Godrej Industries Ltd. and M/s. Hindustan Unilever Ltd.



Mr. Rajesh Kishnani of M/s. Jai Hind Oil Mills Company receiving the AILBIEA Stellar award for Outstanding Contributions to liquid Bulk Trade from Mr. Bani Bhattacharya- Principal Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai] extreme right is Rupesh Agrawal [Director Procurement-South Asia-M/s. Hindustan Unilever Ltd.]



Mr. Sudhir Malhotra-Group President -M/s. Aegis Logistic Ltd. receiving AILBIEA's special citation for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade conferred on M/s. Aegis Logistics Ltd. from Mr. Sanjay Bhatia-Chairman-Mumbai Port Trust at the AILBIEA's anniversary event.



Mr. Saumin Seth of Adani Wilmar Ltd. receiving AILBIEA's special citation for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade conferred on M/s. Adani Wilmar Ltd. at the hands of Mr. Rajiv Tandon-Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai at AILBIEA's anniversary event.



Mr. Vijay Babu of M/s. Krishnapattnam Port, Andhra Pradesh, receiving AILBIEA's special citation for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade conferred on M/s. Krishnapattanam Port-Andhra Pradesh, at the hands of Dr. John Joseph - [Chief Commissioner of Customs-Jawahar Customs, Jawahar Customs-Nhava Sheva]



Mr. Rakesh Shah of M/s. Narendra Forwarders Pvt. Ltd. receiving AILBIEA's special citation for immense contributions in promoting Exim Trade conferred on M/s. Narendra Forwarders Pvt. Ltd. at the hands of Mr. Bani Bhattacharya-Principal Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai



Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa - President AILBIEA-Receiving the special citation and Silver Lamp being presented by Members of AILBIEA, for being conferred the World Custom Organization's Certificate of Merit, at the glittering Anniversary function. To the left-Mr. G. Chandrashekar, Mr. Devdas Chandran, Mr. S. Karnik, Mr. Manik Nasta, Mr. Rakesh Shah, Mr. Rajesh Kishnani and to the right of Mr. Lapsiaa-Mr. Rajiv Tandon- Chief Commissioner of Customs-Mumbai, Mr. N.B. Godrej-Managing Director-M/s Godrej Industries Ltd. and Mr. M.P. Taparia- Chairman Supreme Petrochem Ltd. and Managing Director-Supreme Industries Ltd.



Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa, President, All India Liquid Bulk Importers & Exporters Association (AILBIEA) receiving the WCO (World Custom Organization) Certificate of Merit on the occasion of International Customs Day held at New Delhi from the Hon'ble Minister of State, Shri. Santosh Kumar Gangwar. On the left is Shri. Najib Shah, Chairman, CBEC and to the right of Mr. Lapsiaa, is Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Finance and also Ms. Ananya Ray, Member (Customs), CBEC.

Mr. Jayyant Lapsiaa, president, AILBIEA was the sole representative from Trade for having been conferred with the prestigious WCO Certificate of Merit.

GST rollout: Commerce Ministry to modify certain portions of FTP

The Commerce Ministry will modify certain portions of the foreign trade policy (FTP) to align it with the Goods and Services tax, which is to be rolled out from July 1.

The Ministry also proposes to come out with the mid-year review of FTP, a few months ahead of the schedule, before the GST rollout.

The 5-year foreign trade policy (2015-20) provides a framework for boosting exports of goods and services besides creation of employment and increasing value addition.

The Ministry was expected to complete the review by September but as the GST roll-out is scheduled from

July 1, "we have to make changes in it and also prepone the completion of review", an official said.

In view of the GST, the Ministry may have to make changes in chapters relating to incentives for exporters; duty exemption schemes; export promotion capital goods scheme and deemed exports.

As there is no provision of ab-initio exemption in the GST, exporters would have to pay the duties and then seek the refund.

The official added that "due to these provisions, the language of the policy requires certain changes,".

FTP was announced in 2015 and it was stated that the Ministry would conduct a mid-term review in September to see

whether any tweaking is required in the policy to promote shipments. The policy sets a target of taking India's exports

of goods and services to \$900 billion by 2020. In 2016-17, India's merchandise shipments aggregated at \$275 billion.

Further, manufacturing exporters have raised certain concerns over refund of duties and according to the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) a certain portion of working capital would be blocked in the process with the Government for about three months.

As per estimates, over Rs 1.85 lakh crore working capital of exporters may get stuck annually with the Government under the GST.

Blocking of this amount would push up the manufacturing

cost of exporters as they have to borrow more from banks.

FIEO Director General Ajay Sahai said the Government should prepare a software to ensure that refunds are granted quickly.

He added that the interest rates are about 12-15 per cent in India and borrowing at this rate would push up exporters' manufacturing cost.

The Commerce Ministry had earlier pressed the GST

Council to keep exports out of the framework of the new indirect tax regime and levy lower taxes on labour-intensive sectors like leather, cement and plantation.

Refund of taxes takes about six to eight months and hence it is necessary to

give an ab-initio exemption to exporters.

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Nitin Gadkari inaugurates India Integrated Transport and Logistics Summit 2017

Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the India Integrated Transport and Logistics Summit 2017, in Delhi.

The summit is the first step to the Government's aim to have an effective Multimodal Logistics and Transport Sector to make Indian economy more competitive and the Ministry for Road Transport has taken a lead in it.

For the first time all transport ministries like air, water, road and railways are available at the same platform and are together accessible for the investors. The transport ministry is expecting IITLS to draw big investments of around Rs 2 lakh crore including from the countries like Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong.



Mr. Nitin Gadkari inaugurating the Summit 2017

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The integrated policy would include construction of 50 Economic Corridors and upgrading key feeder and inter corridor routes to improve overall efficiency of freight movement.

The plan also includes developing 35 multimodal logistics parks to serve as centres for freight aggregation and distribution, multimodal transportation, storage and warehousing and value added services.

In addition, there are also plans to construct 10 Inter-Modal Stations which integrate various transportation modes like rail, road, mass rapid transit system, bus rapid transit, auto-rickshaw,

taxi and private vehicles.



Export-Import Bank of India launches “EXIM MITRA” to facilitates exports

The Export-Import Bank of India in its attempt to fulfil twin objectives, namely providing information on financial products available to facilitate exports, and delivering trade related information, has launched the “EXIM Mitra” portal. The portal seeks to provide information on Trade Finance and Export Credit Insurance options besides Export-import intelligence and a helpline in the area of Trade Finance and Export Credit Insurance, says an official release.

EXIM Mitra provides preliminary help to a large number of exporters and importers who may not have access to an array of crucial trade related information under one single platform. EXIM Mitra acts

as a gateway to identify potential global markets and products, understand product standards across the globe, estimate freight cost, introduce exporters and importers to the various credit and insurance facilities available, identify agencies providing handholding, apart from a

host of other value added services.

This portal is expected to evolve towards providing more services. Towards this end, the Bank has tied up with Pitney Bowes Inc. to bring to users the ease of calculating duties and taxes besides

Country Guides for over 140 countries. The tools facilitate product classification, import duty tax calculation, plus restrictions and compliance management.



Government awards 49 Port projects worth Rs 8,341 crore in FY 2017 : Nitin Gadkari

The Government awarded 49 port projects with an investment of Rs 8,341 crore in the previous fiscal, which will result in capacity addition of 104 MT. This was against a target of 102 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) capacity augmentation.

“In respect of development of port infrastructure, 49 projects have been awarded with a capacity of 103.52 MTPA against a target of 102 MTPA with an investment of Rs 8,341.12 crore during the last fiscal,” Shipping,

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said recently. He said concerted efforts to improve

port infrastructure have resulted in the highest ever capacity addition of 100.59 MT in Major Ports during the last fiscal.



“Major Ports capacity during 2015-16 was 965.36 MTPA. This crossed 1,065 MTPA during 2016-17,” the Minister said. Boosted by a slew of steps, the Major Ports surpassed private players by handling a record 647.43

million tonnes of cargo in 2016-17.

They registered an annual growth rate of 6.79 per cent in cargo handling against 4.32 per cent in 2015-16, whereas private ports annual growth rate stood around 4 per cent in the just-concluded fiscal.

Shipping Ministry mulls LNG bunker near Mumbai

MUMBAI: The Ministry of Shipping is planning a liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering facility at Dharamtar Creek near Mumbai, similar to the one being set up within the premises of Haldia Dock Complex on the Eastern coast.

“If a vessel sails between Mumbai-Goa and uses LNG as a fuel, the fuel cost saving will be up to 75%,” said Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari recently.

LNG Bunkering involves transfer of LNG fuel from a distribution source to an LNG-fuelled ship.

Atul Patne, Chief Executive Officer of Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB) said, “Discussions are going on with two oil marketing companies (OMCs) – Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL). Soon, one

of the two OMCs will be provided with land on lease to have an LNG bunker.”

The project is likely to be a joint venture between one of these OMCs and a private player.

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MMB has two parcels of land at Dharamtar, one being 2 acre and the other 4 acre. Either of the plots will be utilised for dispensing LNG.

Additionally, MMB along with other players such as MbPT and City and Industrial Development Corporation of

Maharashtra Ltd has plans to operate Roll On-Roll Off (Ro-Ro) and Roll On-Roll Off Passenger (Ro-Pax) services connecting Ferry Wharf (Mumbai)-Nerul (Navi Mumbai) and Mandwa. These vessels may also opt for dual fuel.

Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna appointed as CBEC Chairman

Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna, IRS (C&CE:1980) has been appointed as Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC). She has served CBEC in several capacities over the last 36 years. These include postings in Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax formations in Kochi, Delhi, Chennai, Meerut, Chandigarh and Bangalore. She has also worked as Additional Director General, National Academy of Customs, Excise & Narcotics (NACEN), in Chennai.



Ms. Vanaja N. Sarna, IRS

General of Revenue Intelligence, New Delhi. She also served on deputation as Under Secretary, Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and as Director/ Joint Secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

Prior to becoming Member, Central Board of Excise and Customs, she held the charge of Director General of Vigilance and Chief Vigilance

She was also Additional Director General in Directorate Officer of the Department.

Major Ports' cargo handling up 7% in FY 2017; petro products drive traffic

Major Ports, which are under the aegis of the Central Government, have registered better growth in 2016-17, driven primarily by handling of petroleum products.

The ports have registered a 6.79 per cent growth in 2016-17 in cargo volumes handled compared with the previous fiscal, by carrying over 647 million tonne of petroleum products, iron ore, and containers.

“The growth rate this year is 6.79 per cent, while that in 2015-16 against 2014-15 was 4.32 per cent,” Rajive Kumar, Secretary, Shipping Ministry said recently.

According to data, the growth was driven by petroleum products, which were up 8.16 per cent and iron ore pellets which saw a 163 per cent hike.

However, there was a steep drop in handling of finished fertiliser (-17 per cent), raw fertiliser (-6.76 per cent) and coal.

Lighter boxes

Containers have seen a higher growth in terms of number of boxes against weight. On a pan-India level, the average container being handled at ports has become lighter. So, containers that saw a 1.08 per cent growth in weight, have

seen a 3.04 per cent growth in twenty feet equivalent units (average size of a container).

In terms of absolute tonnage, Kandla Port handled the maximum cargo, followed by Paradip, Mumbai, JN Port, Visakhapatnam, Kolkata, Chennai, Chidambarnar, Mormugao, Kamarajar (Ennore) and Cochin.

In 2016-17, almost all ports handled higher cargo than previous year. Ennore has seen a decline due to a drop in coal handling, following lower demand from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, which has started wind power generation. Sources in Kamarajar Port Ltd (Ennore) said that TNEB and private power producers imported less coal, though there was increase in all other cargo.

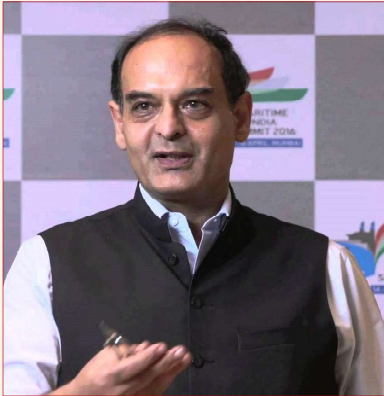
TNEB opted for solar and windmill generation and there was surplus power during the last fiscal. JN Port, meanwhile, has seen an increase in the number of containers handled.

The fastest growth was seen at Mormugao (59.7 per cent growth), which was driven by “other liquids”, followed by Paradip (16.45 per cent), driven by handling petroleum, oil and lubricants, Cochin (13 per cent) and New Mangalore (12.25 per cent).

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Mumbai Port handles Highest ever cargo throughput of 63.05 MMT during FY 2017



Shri Sanjay Bhatia, IAS

Chairman, Mumbai Port Trust thanked the trade and all stake holders for continued patronage of the Port and assured them the support and development of facilities at most competitive cost. Shri Bhatia also appreciated the contribution of all port employees towards the record achievements.

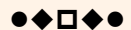
Following are the record performance of the port while achieving the highest throughput:

- Record handling of 2.1 lacs automobiles through Ro-Ro operations.
- 51 International cruise ships carrying 57,076 passengers were docked at MbPT's International Cruise Terminal.

Mumbai Port Trust handled highest ever traffic of 63.05 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) registering a growth of 3.17% over the last year throughput (61.11 MMT). Shri Sanjay Bhatia, IAS,

- 'Hoegh St. Petersburg' handled 6,312 units of export vehicles on 6.8.2016, highest ever automobiles handled on a ship.
- Maiden Voyage of International Cruise Ship 'M.V.Genting Dream' was made from BPX International Cruise Terminal on 29.10.2016.
- Cruise vessel 'Coasta-Neo-Classica' commenced its home port operations at Mumbai Port and made 7 calls during the year.
- World's largest car Carrier 'M.V. Hoegh Tracer' with capacity of 8500 cars, visited Mumbai Port on 22.2.2017.
- Mumbai Port handled 1.601 MMT of various agricultural products including pulses and wheat as against 0.96 MMT handled during the previous year, thereby achieved a growth of 66%.
- Steel exports was 0.837 MMT against 0.342 MMT exported during the previous fiscal registering a growth of 144%.

Thus Mumbai Port has emerged as one of the leading Major Ports of the during the last fiscal.



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