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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

G.No. 177

New Delhi, 1 December 2006

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 approves an interim tariff arrangement for levy of toll by Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL) for the newly developed link road at the Visakhapatnam Port as in the Order appended hereto.

(A.L. Bongirwar)
Chairman

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/47/2006 - VPRCL

Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL) - - - -

Applicant

ORDER

(Passed on this 28th day of November 2006)

This case relates to a proposal from Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL) for fixation of toll on *ad hoc* basis for newly developed link road / flyovers connecting Visakhapatnam Port to National Highway-5 (NH-5).

2.1. The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has taken up a port road connectivity project for developing connectivity from Visakhapatnam Port to NH-5 through the Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL) stated to be a Special Purpose Vehicle formed for the purpose. The Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) and VPRCL have signed a Concession Agreement for a period of 30 years to implement the said project.

2.2. The VPRCL has filed a proposal in November 2006 before this Authority for fixation of Toll for the Visakhapatnam Port Road Connectivity Project. The tariff proposal filed by VPRCL has been registered as a "tariff case" and it has been taken on consultation.

3.1. In the meanwhile, the VPRCL vide its letter dated 24 November 2006 has conveyed its proposal to open the project to traffic with effect from 1 December 2006 in order to ease the traffic congestion and has proposed rates to be levied.

3.2. The project is proposed to be opened with effect from 1 December 2006. The VPT and VPRCL have discussed the toll to be levied on *ad hoc* basis with the relevant users in the meeting convened by them on 17 November 2006. The record note of discussions held on 17 November 2006 attached to the VPRCL letter dated 23 November 2006 indicates that the relevant users have unanimously accepted the proposed rates to be levied on an *ad hoc* basis till fixation of final rates by this Authority. The VPRCL has proposed the *ad hoc* rates with marginal adjustment on the initial rates proposed by it vide its proposal dated 8 November 2006.

4. As stated earlier, the tariff proposal filed by the VPRCL in November 2006 has been taken on consultation. It will take some more time for the proposal to mature for final consideration by this Authority. Since the project is proposed to be opened for traffic with effect from 1 December 2006, it is necessary that a tariff arrangement should be in place to enable the VPRCL to operate the facilities. The proposed *ad hoc* rates being mutually agreed rates, this Authority is inclined to approve the proposed rates on an *ad hoc* basis as an interim arrangement for a period of six months. The *ad hoc* rates approved by this Authority is attached as [Annex](#).

5. Ordinarily, the rates approved by this Authority are to be implemented after allowing a lead-time. Since VPRCL has proposed to commence operations from 1 December 2006 and since there is no tariff arrangement prevailing for offering the service by VPRCL, the interim tariff arrangement approved for VPRCL shall come into effect from 1 December 2006 and shall be valid for a period of six months or till the effective date of implementation of the Order (to be passed) on the tariff proposal filed by VPRCL, whichever is earlier.

(A.L. Bongirwar)
Chairman

ANNEX**TOLL FOR THE ROAD LINKING VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY-5****I. (A). Toll at Main Toll Plaza near Ayyappan Temple:****(In Rs.)**

Sl. No.	Type of Vehicle	Single Journey Rate	Return Journey Rate, valid for 24 hours
1.	Car / Jeep / Van	10	15
2.	LCV	15	25
3.	Truck / Bus	35	55
4.	MAV (3 to 6 Axles) / HCM / EME	55	85
5.	Oversized Vehicles (7 or more Axles)	65	100

I. (B). Toll with concessions to local traffic / frequent travellers between Convent Junction and Ayyappan Temple on NH-5 (at main Toll Plaza near Ayyappan Temple).**(In Rs.)**

Sl. No.	Pass	Car / Jeep / Van	LCV	Truck / Bus	MAV's (3 to 6 Axles) / HCM / EME	Over sized Vehicles (7 Axles or more)
1.	Monthly pass: (50 single journeys in a month with a discount of 1/3 rd of amount otherwise payable for 50 single journeys)	335	500	1165	1835	2165
2.	Daily pass: (Return journey in a day @ 1.50 times the rate of single journey)	15	25	55	85	100
3.	Local pass for month: (For residents within 20 KM of the toll plaza on production of residence proof and ownership proof of vehicle)	150	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

II. (A). Toll for Secondary Toll Plaza near 'Y' Junction.**(In Rs.)**

Sl. No.	Type of Vehicle	Single Journey Rate	Return Journey Rate, valid for 24 hours
1.	Car / Jeep / Van	5	10
2.	LCV	10	15
3.	Truck / Bus	20	30
4.	MAV (3 to 6 Axles) / HCM / EME	30	45
5.	Oversized Vehicles (7 or more Axles)	35	55

II. (B). Toll with concessions to local traffic / frequent travellers between Convent Junction and 'Y' Junction (at Secondary Toll Plaza near 'Y' Junction).

(In Rs.)

Sl. No.	Pass	Car / Jeep / Van	LCV	Truck / Bus	MAV's (3 to 6 Axles)/ HCM/ EME	Over sized Vehicles (7 Axles or more)
1.	Monthly pass: (50 single journeys in a month with a discount of 1/3 rd of amount otherwise payable for 50 single journeys)	165	335	665	1000	1165
2.	Daily pass: (Return journey in a day @ 1.50 times the rate of single journey)	10	15	30	45	55
3.	Local pass for month: (For residents within 20 KM of the toll plaza on production of residence proof and ownership proof of vehicle)	150	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

III. The following categories of vehicles will be exempted from levy of toll:

1. Official vehicles transporting and accompanying the President of India, Vice-President of India, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Union Minister, Governors, Lt. Governors, Chief Minister, Presiding Officers and Leaders of Opposition of the Central and State Legislatures, Judges of Supreme Court, Chief Justices of the High Courts, Ministers of States, Judges of the High Court and Foreign Dignitaries on State Visit;
2. Official vehicles of Central and State armed forces in uniform including para military forces and police and of Executive Magistrates;
3. Member of Parliament in the entire country, Member of State Legislative Council and Member of State Assembly within their respective State when sitting in the vehicle, on production of identity card issued by the Parliament or concerned Legislature of a State, as the case may be;
4. Vehicle belonging to winner of the Gallantry awards such as Param Vir Chakra, Ashok Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra, Kirti Chakra, Vir Chakra and Shaurya Chakra, if such awardee produces his photo identity card duly authenticated by the Competent Authority for such award;
5. Vehicles with CC / CD number plates;
6. Ambulances, fire tenders and funeral vans; and
7. Vehicles of persons using the highway for inspection, survey, construction, or operation maintenance thereof.

Note:

Posts and Telegraphs Department Vehicles and Central Government and State Government Vehicles on duty will not qualify for treatment as exempted vehicles.