

## **Tariff Authority for Major Ports**

### **NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby approves the proposal of the Tuticorin Port Trust to extend for a further period of three months or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier the validity of the revised special rate for dredging payable by vessels calling at its container terminal as in the Order appended hereto.

( **S. Sathyam** )

Chairman

### **Case No.TAMP/11/2001-TPT**

**The Tuticorin Port Trust (TPT) - - - Applicant**

### **ORDER**

(Passed on this 19th day of November 2001)

This Authority had passed an Order on 2 June 2000 prescribing a special rate for capital dredging at the Tuticorin Port Trust (TPT). Subsequently, based on a request from the TPT, a reduction in the special rate for capital dredging in respect of vessels calling at the container berth had been approved for a specific period of six months from 27 February 2001 to 26 August 2001. As requested by the TPT the validity of the revised special rates for capital dredging was further extended for a period of three months with effect from 27 August 2001 vide this Authority's Order dated 23 August 2001. The Order was notified in the Gazette of India on 24 August 2001.

2.1. The TPT has now proposed to extend the concession for a further period of three months from 27 August 2001 or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier.

2.2. The TPT has given the following points in support of its proposal:

- (i). As required by the Authority in its Order dated 2 June 2000, the TPT is to revise the special rate for dredging along with general revision of its Scale of Rates. The next general revision is due by December 2001.
- (ii). The proposal for revision of Scale of Rates will include the review of special rate for capital dredging also. The Board of Trustees of the

TPT has, therefore, decided to seek the approval of the Authority to extend the validity of the concessional special rate for dredging applicable to vessels calling at the container berth for a further period of three months or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier.

3. It is noteworthy that the special rate was reduced earlier based on a commercial judgement of the TPT. In the instant case the TPT sought extension of the concession for a further period of three months or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier on the ground that the TPT will undertake a comprehensive revision of dredging levy alongwith the proposal for general revision of its Scale of Rates. The general revision of Scale of Rates of the TPT is due in December 2001. In this backdrop, the proposal of the TPT to extend the validity of the revised special rate for capital dredging is seen to be reasonable and approved.

4. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this Authority decides to extend the validity of the revised special rate for capital dredging on vessels calling at the Container Terminal at the TPT for a further period of three months with effect from 27 November 2001 or till the date of revision of the special rate for dredging in total whichever is earlier.

**( S. Sathyam )**

Chairman