## VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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## Visit of Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Govt. of India, to Visakhapatnam Port Authority, on 25.02.2023

Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, visited Visakhapatnam Port on 25th February, 2023.

Shri K. Rama Mohana Rao, IAS, Chairperson, Visakhapatnam Port Authority, along with Shri Durgesh Kumar Dubey, IRTS, Deputy Chairperson and Shri T. Venu Gopal, Secretary, Visakhapatnam Port Authority gave a warm welcome. VPA CISF Unit gave Guard of Honour to the Secretary, MoPSW. Chairman, VPA, explained the Port operations through a Powerpoint Presentation.

Shri Sudhansh Pant, IAS, Secretary, MoPS&W reviewed in detail the operations of PPP Berths, Cargo handling, financial performance of VPA, road, rail connectivity, PM Infra Port performance, capacity augmentation in OR-I & II Berths, development of Cruise Berth in Outer Harbour, modernisation and mechanisation of berths, development of Flyover, Truck Parking Terminal, construction of Covered Storage Sheds, electrification of VPA Railway tracks, modernization of Fishing Harbour, Status on NLP Marine portal, Green Port initiatives, etc.

Representatives of PPP & BOT Operators also held discussions with the Secretary, MoPS&W and appraised their view points. VPA Unions / Associations met the Secretary, MoPS&W and gave their representations.

Secretary, MoPS&W commended Chairman, VPA and his entire team for bestowing efforts in effectively overcoming the challenges despite stiff competition. He further added that proper planning needs to be initiated at all levels for further improvement of cargo throughput. He enunciated that every employee should inculcate and imbibe discipline and strive hard in contributing their might for the development of their Organization and to the nation at large. Deputy Chairman along with Heads of Departments participated in the Review Meeting.

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