

# VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST

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### PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

#### Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will launch the Project on 13.10.2021

On India's 75th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Centre will launch 'PM Gati Shakti Master Plan', a Rs.100 Lakh-Crore project for developing 'holistic infrastructure'. The project will be launched by Hon'ble PM on 13th October 2021. Gati Shakti Targets includes having a network of 2 lakh km of national highways, trains handling cargo of 1,600 million tonnes (MT), doubling gas pipeline network to 35,000 km, having total 220 airports, airstrips and aerodromes, a 25000-acre area developed for industries, including 11 industrial corridors, achieving a Rs.1.7 Lakh Crore turnover in defence production and having 38 electronics manufacturing clusters and 109 pharma clusters by 2024-25.

In Shipping, the National Master Plan says the target by 2024-25 is to have total cargo capacity to be handled at the Ports at 1,759 MMTPA from 1,282 MMTPA in 2020, cargo movement on all national waterways will be 95 million MT from 74 million MT in 2020 and cargo movement on Ganga river will be increased from 9 million MT in 2020 to a massive 29 million. The plan aims to ensure round-the-year movement of vessels between Varanasi and Sadiya, and Badarpur and Karimganj through the Indo-Bangladesh protocol.

In tune with the Government of India planning, the port of Visakhapatnam also taken steps to create / augment infrastructure and services to ease the Logistics. Some of the initiatives taken by the port are briefed here under:

1. The road traffic emanating from the Port passes through the congested convent junction to connect to the NH-. The convent junction is very critical and has six road connections and the vehicular traffic in the junction is dense. The cargo vehicles also will have to pass through these roads causing hindrance. With the development of Grade separator from H7 area to Convent Junction, the cargo traffic will be segregated from city traffic and there will be smooth movement of cargo traffic to and fro from Port.
2. The existing container terminal expansion work is in progress with an investment of Rs.633 Cr. It is expected that the 2nd terminal will be operational from March 2022. This will increase the traffic in the existing two lane road from East break water to Convent junction. To facilitate hassle free movement of container cargo from both the terminals, Development of existing 2 lane road to 4 lane road from East breakwater to Convent Junction was taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.68 Cr. NHAI has invited bids for the Project and likely to award the work in the last week of October, 2021. This project will connect to the newly constructed Grade Separator which in turn leads to National Highway.
3. To provide comprehensive solution for seamless movement of road and rail traffic, the flyover is proposed to connect the stack areas within the port and also to provide road connectivity to National Highway through the newly constructed Grade Separator at Convent Junction. Further, this flyover segregates the road and rail traffic by introducing Grade Separators by way of elevated corridor road network to eliminate most of level crossings. This will enhance speedy evacuation of cargo with manifold

increase in safety of movement. For this Development of flyover from Seahorse Junction to Dock area in VPT is taking with an investment of Rs. 246 Cr. NHAI is in process of finalizing DPR and works will be awarded likely in the month of November, 2021 with a construction period of 30 months.

4. Visakhapatnam Port Road Company Limited (VPRCL) an SPV of VPT & NHAI has taken up the project of road connectivity to Visakhapatnam Port of about 12.47 km facilitating smooth movement of cargo traffic between Port and NH16 also caters to the local traffic between Visakhapatnam City and Gajuwaka town. Phase-I of the work completed in 2006 and four lane of the road completed in 2017. Now it is proposed to expand it to six lane at an estimated cost of Rs.275 Cr for which NHAI has entrusted the consultancy services for preparation of Detailed Project Report and it is in progress.
5. The port has taken up the work of "Providing Electronic interlocking for operation of Points and Signals through object controller of North, South, North west and South west cabins connecting centre EI of R&D Yard" at an estimated cost of Rs.28 Cr. Anticipated date of commissioning is 30.11.2021.
6. Electrification of 23 ETKM Port Railway lines have been completed in the 1st phase. Second phase of 38 TKM of Electrification Port Railway Lines have been divided into 3 Phases. This work has been entrusted to M/s IPRCL. Tenders under evaluation and the work will be awarded in NOV 2021. Electrification of Private sidings of VGCB, VSPL& HPCL completed and other private siding operators are being requested to take up the Electrification works. With Electrification, the trains can directly place into the sidings by Electric Locomotives without interchange at R&D yard by which detention will be reduced and turn round of rakes improves.
7. VPT is in process of developing construction of covered sheds in an extent of 20 acres at an estimated cost of 210 Crores with the financial assistance of Sagarmala Development Company Limited. Initially, bids invited for developing a 400mx40x17m shed at a cost of Rs.36.38 Crores. Bids are under finalization and work will be awarded by the end of October'2021. This project has been contemplated to maintain environmental hygiene while handling dusty cargoes and to meet the statutory requirements of Pollution control Board and National Green Tribunal.
8. VPT is in process of developing Truck parking terminal in an extent of 20 acres at a cost of Rs. 52.32 Crores near Exim park area. This facility will provide space for 600 trucks. This project has been contemplated to provide shelter for cargo carrying trucks and to avoid parking of cargo vehicles on the operational roads which are hampering free flow of traffic and causing inconvenience to movement of other traffic also. NIT issued on 30th September 2021. Target date of completion is by December, 2022.
9. VPT entered into MOU with TANGEDCO in 02.08.2019, for rendering cost effective total logistics towards rail-cum-sea movement of coastal TANGEDCO coal from the Collieries of MCL / IB Valley to Visakhapatnam and subsequent shipment to the ports of Ennore & Tuticorin in South India. In the first two years of the operation, a quantity of 1.29 MMT and 1.37 MMT, handled by VPT. The MOU was extended for another one year, starting from 02.10.2021. In the third year, TANGEDCO have assured additional volumes to VPT.

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