

## **Visit of high level delegation**

With a view to finding a solution to the issues plaguing Chennai Port, a team of officials comprising top bureaucrats on 7th Jan'2011 inspected the vulnerable points in north Chennai and made an on the spot assessment of the issues that required immediate attention. The inspection by top officials was necessitated after the direction of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Besides Mr. Atulya Misra, Chairman, Chennai Port Trust, Mr.Ashok Vardhan Shetty, Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MAWS), Mr.T Rajendran, Commissioner of Police, Mr.Prakash Kumar Behera, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Mr.Darez Ahamed, Deputy Commissioner of Corporation (Works) and other senior Police Officials inspected the port gates and the problems of congestion of container traffic on the Ennore Expressway.

The delegation started its inspection from the War Memorial (Gate number 10) and went through Rajaji Salai, Royapuram, via the West Madha Church Road reached gate number 2A of Chennai Port for an on the spot assessment of the trailer traffic. The locals met the delegation and represented their difficulties to the CoP even as gate number 2A was in full operation. During the team's visit to gate number two, port trust Chairman explained the flow of traffic at the gate. Then they proceeded to Tiruvotriyur to get an on the spot assessment of the 11acre parking land along the Ennore Expressway and discussed possible ways of using it as a container trailer parking yard. The team also visited gate 1 to monitor traffic flow of container trailers.

The delegation also visited our terminal to take stock of the situation. The necessity of opening up Gate 2A for import laden out and Gate 10 for exiting of import laden during night hours was explained and reiterated to the delegation by Mr.Arasu.