

IPPTA (Indian Private Port Terminals Association) meeting:

The Indian Private Port Terminals Association (IPPTA) had organized a meeting at Chennai on Saturday, 5th March 2011. The meeting was graced by the Shri.K.Mohandas, IAS – Secretary, Ministry of Shipping and Shri.Rakesh Srivastava, IAS –Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping. Others officials in attendance were Shri.Atulya Misra, IAS – Chairman, Chennai Port Trust & Shri.Parida, Deputy Chairman –Chennai Port Trust.

About 17 members representing the Private Terminals in the country had gathered for the meeting.

The terminals represented were – DP World Chennai, DP World NSICT, PSA Tuticorin, PSA Chennai, GTIPL, VCTPL, ABG –LDA, TMILL, ICTPL, BWOITPL & SWPL. DP World ISC was represented by Mr.Kevin D'souza, Director –Commercial & Business Development.

On behalf of CCT, Mr.Arasu, CEO raised the following issues:

1. Inadequate port entry/exit gates –gate complex needs to be completely revamped with additional access lanes and round the clock operations
2. Road connectivity –Ennore-Manali road connecting the port as well as Chennai-Maduravoyal elevated express highway to be completed on top-priority
3. Additional back-up area urgently needed –conversion of iron ore facility
4. Frequent flash strikes by truckers

The Secretary –MoS instructed the Managing Director, Indian Ports Association to include a provision in the new draft act to enable port trusts to give additional land area to concessionaires so that this may not be looked at as post tender favours.

The Secretary –MoS & JS –Ports have said assured continued interaction with IPPTA to address the common issues being faced.

Mr.Tommy Low, General Manager –PSA Chennai also raised issues pertaining to development of port entry/exit gates and timely execution of the Chennai Ennore Port Road Connectivity Project.