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From Chairman's Desk



दीनदयाल पत्तन प्राधिकरण, कंडला
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Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. of India

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TRADE CIRCULAR

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, vide its SOP dated 06.03.2026, has issued directions to all Major Ports to mitigate operational challenges arising from the ongoing geopolitical disturbance in the Middle East.

This Circular is applicable to all Middle East-bound cargo/vessels that are affected due to the ongoing geopolitical crisis in West Asia.

Based on the Ministry's directions, the following measures are implemented by Deendayal Port Authority with immediate effect:

1. Shri B. Ratna Sekhar Rao, Traffic Manager, DPA, is designated as the Nodal Officer for all issues related to Middle East-bound cargo/vessels.
Contact details:
Mobile: 9848019360
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2. Periodic meetings with all stakeholders, including Shipping Lines, Exporters, Importers, Customs, MMD, Terminal Operators and others, will be arranged to address legitimate concerns arising from the situation.
3. The Nodal Officer shall ensure that all port-level decisions/actions are completed within 24 hours.
4. The Nodal Officer will engage with Customs, DGFT, MMD and other external agencies to resolve issues within 72 hours.
5. Requests from Port Users regarding reduction, waiver or remission of charges (such as reefer plugging charges, storage rent, change of vessel charges, etc.) may be considered on a case-to-case basis.

This Circular shall remain in force until further orders or until withdrawal/modification of the SOP by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

CHAIRMAN
DEENDAYAL PORT AUTHORITY

To,
All Trade Associations

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