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Shri. Mansukh Mandaviya Union Minister for Shipping, Transport, Fertilisers & Chemicals along with Shri. Neeraj Bansal, Chairman-in-Charge, JNPT

Government keen on developing global standard logistics facilities, says Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Shipping, Transport, Fertilisers & Chemicals

Lauds JNPT for its exemplary work and progress

Mumbai, May 24, 2018: The central government is focussing on port-led growth and is keen to develop global standard logistics facilities with a view to boost economic growth. Countries with good shipping infrastructure usually register high economic growth.

This was emphasised further by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, honourable minister of state for Shipping, Transport, Fertilisers & Chemicals who visited JNPT port facilities and reviewed the progress of ongoing projects.

Expressing happiness at the progress of JNPT over the last few years, Shri Mandaviya said, "JNPT has taken the lead in recording substantial growth in the port sector. The government has plans to double the cargo handling capacity of ports by 2050 and JNPT too is rapidly expanding its capacity".

Stating that the government allocated Rs 7 lakh crore towards the development of shipping infrastructure during this year's budget, Shri Mandavia said that the government is keen to improve the connectivity across the country so that trade flourishes resulting in higher economic growth.

Shri Mandaviya visited the port facilities and reviewed the progress of various on-going activities at the port. He also inspected the ongoing dredging work.

Shri Neeraj Bansal, Chairman-in-Charge welcomed the honourable minister and appraised him of the latest developments at the port. "JNPT is creating additional capacity building measures and the total capacity will go up to 10 million TEUs by 2022. Creating world class infrastructure and logistics facilities at the port for seamless movement of trade is a major priority for JNPT", Shri Bansal said.

Shri Bansal also said that the dry ports being developed by JNPT at Wardha, Jalna, Nashik and Sangli will connect the hinterland to port and also would encourage the growth of manufacturing and agriculture sector in the region.

Huge investments are needed to shore up the infrastructure facilities and improve the connectivity in the country and a mix of both public and private partnerships approach will be adopted to create the necessary infrastructure, Shri Mandaviya said.

To realise the doubling of cargo handling capacity, the central government is also developing 6 major ports in the country at VadHAVAN in Maharashtra, Belekeri in Karnataka, Enayam and Srikazhi in TamilNadu, Paradip Outer Harbour in Orissa and Tajpur in West Bengal, Shri Mandaviya added.



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