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Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon. Minister of Road Transport Highway & Shipping, Transport Bhawan – 1, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001	Shri Manshukh Mandaviya Minister of State of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Delhi	Shri Viondbhai Chavda Member of Parliament (Kachchh – Morbi Constituency) Bhuj – Kachchh
Shri Rajeev Kumar, IAS, Secretary (Shipping), Delhi	Shri Rajgopal Sharma OSD, Ministry of Shipping, Delhi	Shri Ravi Parmar, IAS, Chairman, KPT, Gandhidham

Sub: Request to expedite the E-auction process of KPT for salt land

Dear Sir,

We thank Ministry of Shipping (Road & Transport) from the bottom of our heart for taking quick action on Amended Land Policy by putting idle land of salt in use which were lying idle since 2012 due to absence of Land policy. Thereafter during 2015, Kandla Port Trust had floated E - Auction cum Tender on 08.01.2015 (for 4 plots, Total area 1998 acres), 09.01.2015 (for 22 plots of 10 acres, Total area 220 acres), and 09.12.2015 (26 plots of various size, Total area 3245 acres) which was cancelled after lapse of more than 6 months from the date of inviting the tender since no bidder has turned down for auction. Though E- tender process was done, but E- Auction is still pending. If E-Auction process is completed soonest then following positive impact would have been there:

- 1) More than 25000 persons including labours would have got employment. The salt production output would have increased and substantial quantity could have exported from Kandla Port.
- 2) Local transport business of this complex would have got a boost which was dead since last four years and family of drivers and other workers also would have survived who could have earn their livelihood from transport business. This would have boosted whole supply-chain operation of salt business.



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- 3) Kandla Port Trust would have got revenue in term of lease rent as well as export related charges because salt manufactured at above land is mainly meant for export to overseas countries through Kandla Port. Handling figure of Kandla Port Trust would have also increased resulting further growth of achievements of KPT in recent past.

Now, all of a sudden we came to know from reliable sources that E - Auction process has been withheld by Ministry of Shipping reason for which is beyond our knowledge. Till now E- Tender process was going on smoothly but all of a sudden said process again got delayed due to which per month revenue loss will comes to Rs.2.63 crores.

We request you to kindly look into matter and expedite the E - Auction process as soon as possible in the interest of nation. We also request you to kindly give necessary direction to put 26 plot admeasuring 3245 acres into E - Tender cum E - Auction which ultimately will increase revenue of Kandla Port Trust.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Dinesh Gupta  
President

Encl: Statement showing events of E-Tender cum E-Auction of salt land.

Copy to: Dy. Chairman, ICP  
Chief Engineer, ICP  
S.E. (Kandla Land), ICP