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Sub: Withhold of E-Tender cum E-Auction process of Salt Land of
various tenders

Dear Sir,

We appreciate for taking quick action on Amended Land Policy by inviting E-Tender cum E-Auction for idle land of salt which were lying idle since 2012 due to absence of Land Policy.

We are in receipt of a letter dt. 29.09.2016 of Shree Kutch Salt lease Holder Welfare Association on the caption subject and hence we would like to submit as under for your kind consideration.

In 2015, Kandla Port Trust invited E-Tender cum E-Auction on 08.01.2015, 09.01.2015 and 09.12.2015 and the same were cancelled after laps of more than 6 months as no bidder turned down for auction. This was followed by inviting E-Tender cum E-Auction for allotment of salt land as detailed below:

- a) E-tender cum e-auction of 10 plots of 100 acres each and 5 plots of 50 acres each & submission of bid closed on 20.07.2016 - in which two parties participated.
- b) E-tender cum e-auction of 6 nos. of plots of various sizes (including structures) & submission of bid closed on 21.07.2016. - in which two parties participated.
- c) E-tender cum e-auction of 2 plots of 1000 acres each and 4 plots of 500 acres each & submission of bid closed on 29.07.2016 - in which three parties participated.
- d) E-tender cum e-auction of 3 nos. of plots of various sizes (including structures) & submission of bid closed on 02.08.2016 - in which 6 parties participated.

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There was good response to this invitation as compared to earlier attempt, but after E-Tendering of above, referred 4 E-Tenders, KPT has not initiated the process of E-Auctioning for the said 4 E-Tenders reasons of which not known to us. We wonder to understand about non-starting of the process of E-Auction although two or more bids were received, while in case of Liquid Tank Terminal Kandla Port Trust received single tender and allotment was done accordingly within one month of E-Tendering. Due to present delay, Kandla Port Trust is losing Rs.36 corers yearly.

We strongly feel that if auction process of said land through E-Auction had been carried out within reasonable time frame, the following positive impact would have been emerged.

- 1) Generation of employment to more than 25000 labours and supporting staff which has remained idle since then.
- 2) A booster – dose to local transport business.
- 3) Revenue generation for KPT is terms of lease rant.
- 4) Generation of export related charges for KPT as salt manufactured at these lands meant mainly for export to overseas countries through Kandla Port.
- 5) Increase in handling figures of Kandla Port.

In view of the above and taking into consideration of all aspects, we earnestly request you to direct KPT to expedite the E-Auction process immediately.

Hope to get favourable consideration in this regard as the matter will be in the interest of nation in terms of revenue as well as employment opportunity generation.

Thanking you and looking forward for a line of confirmation in this regard.

Yours faithfully,



Dinesh Gupta
President