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**Sub:- Regarding frequent congestion and vessel waiting period at Oil
Jetties of Kandla Port.**

Dear Sir,

We take an opportunity to invite your attention towards a persistent problem of long waiting periods of vessels at oil jetties of Kandla Port.

Sir, due to constant efforts and policies laid down by KPT on vessel performance, the situation had improved for some months, but again average 3-4 days of waiting period is being witnessed at Kandla Port Oil jetties. This situation has emerged due to priority given to government vessels of IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and non optimum utilization of OJ-6 which is specifically reserved for Government vessels. The present scenario leads to huge demurrage for vessels being called at Kandla Port. Further now-a-days customs is charging duty on demurrage also which result in to very heavy cost burden on importers and ultimately the end customers have to bear heavy cost impact. Consequently, major importers who have been importing their cargo at Kandla Port since years have started to shift to other nearby ports or private ports.

We, as a leading trade organisation of Kandla Complex would like to share the current sentiment of the trade which will result in loss of volumes to Kandla Port and loss of business to numerous port users.

Therefore, we suggest the followings in order to maintain loading position of Kandla Port Trust.

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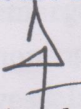
- 1) Performance and maximum utilisation of OJ-6 to be evaluated regularly.
- 2) Delayed work for OJ-7 should be started on priority basis by actively following-up for awaited clearance from environment authority.
- 3) Looking to the potential, there is requirement of 2-3 more oil jetties to cater to the growing volumes.

We request you to please initiated necessary measures to improve the present scenario and also plan-out for the future growth of volumes at Oil Jetties of Kandla Port in order to maintain the pride and landmark of first major port of India.

We hope for the course correction in this regard which is the need of the hour.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,


Dinesh Gupta
President