

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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Sub:- Policy Guidelines for Land Management by Major Ports, 2014-
Land Use Plan & Allotment Policy in respect of Traffic
Department, Visakhapatnam Port Trust-Reg.

Ref: - Land Policy Guidelines for Major Ports, 2014.

It is hereby informed that Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India have issued new Policy Guidelines for Land Management by Major Ports, 2014, which are effective from January 2014. The main objectives of the Policy are:-

- (i) To ensure that land resources are put to optimum use as per the approved Land Use Plan with focus on retaining/attracting port traffic.
- (ii) To ensure that optimum value is realized by licensing/leasing Port land through transparent tender-cum-auction methodology.
- (iii) Revision of rates to enable maximum resource generation for the Ports and the methodology for regular updating of the rates in line with the market value.

As per the New Policy Guidelines, 2014, Every Major Port shall have a Land Use Plan covering all the land owned and/or managed by the Port. Such plans shall be approved by the Board and a copy would be forwarded to the Govt. Any proposal for revision of land use plan shall be finalized by the Board only after considering objections and suggestions received from the various Stakeholders. Land Use Plan of Major Ports shall be reviewed by the Board at least once in every five years. Land can be allotted either on license or lease basis as per the approved Land Use Plan/Zoning.

Proposed land allotments to be made by the Traffic Department/VPT. as per the New Policy Guidelines for Land Management by Major Ports, 2014 have been placed in the Board meeting held on 24.02.2014 Vide Agenda Item No.S-19 and the Board has resolved to approve the following guidelines to consider to allot land for Import/Export cargoes, Weighbridges, Truck parking, Truck repairs (Garages) etc. vide Board Resolution No.174/2014 :

- (1) Traffic Manager is the authorized to allot land on license basis up to 12 weeks inside/outside customs area for cargo handling and allied activities subject to obtaining ratification by the Board/VPT.
- (2) Plots are allotted for import bulk cargoes on Vessel-to-Vessel basis only for a maximum period of 10 weeks and simultaneously to issue notice of 15 days limiting the license a total of 12 weeks only for both Rail/Road bound cargoes.
- (3) Open area allotments outside the custom bound area for export cargoes for a period ranging from one week to a maximum period of 12 weeks. Occupation beyond 12 weeks may be treated as unauthorized occupation.

- (4) All allotments for cargo stacking are made as per the availability of land.
- (5) All allotments for cargo stacking will be made on first come first served, Demand/Supply and on nomination basis duly ensuring that the trade follow VPT deposit account rules for pre-paid services.
- (6) Open area allotments for import/export general cargo is for a period ranging from one week to a maximum of 12 weeks.
- (7) Conditionalities approved and notified by the TAMP vide VPT-Scale of Rates will be followed with regard to Un-authorized occupations, etc.
- (8) Open area for Cargo handling allied activities such as Truck Parking, Truck Repairs, Weigh bridges etc. are to be processed by the Traffic Department and will be allotted on Schedule of Rates with the approval of the Chairman/VPT. subject to ratification by the Board. Applications of the Trade/Transporters / MOU partner / PSU's. / Govt. Organizations who are carrying cargo handling works at VPT will only be considered.
- (9) The rates (license fee) as approved by the TAMP vide Scale of Rates in accordance with the Land Policy Guidelines-2014 will be collected from the licensees. Till the rates are approved and notified, the existing License fee as per the current Scale of Rates approved by the TAMP will be continued to be collected.
- 10) The land use plan will be reviewed by the Board duly obtaining the procedure being followed at other Major Ports in pursuance of the Land Policy Guidelines, 2014.
- 11) The decision of Board/VPT is final in respect of any dispute, interpretation.

The above will come in to force with immediate effect.

TRAFFIC MANAGER

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