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Hon'ble Minister for Shipping Shri. G. K. Vasan Launched programmes at Kandla to achieve 100 MMT per annum capacity by Kandla Port Trust within 2 years.

The Hon'ble Minister for Shipping Shri G. K. Vasan visited Kandla Port along with Secretary, Shipping, Govt. of India Shri K. Mohandas IAS on 8th November 2011. He laid the foundation stones for new PPP projects at berths No.13,15,16 and IFFCO jetty and dedicated the newly installed Mobile Harbour cranes besides inaugurating the Kandla Port Campus of Indian Maritime University. He also inspected the ongoing trial run of the Vessel Traffic Management System for Gulf of Kutch centre at Kandla.

He later reviewed the performance of Kandla Port with the officers and met various stakeholders of the port including Sindhu Resettlement Corporation Ltd., Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce, Labour Unions and Trade Associations and discussed the issues requiring attention of the Central Government for further growth of the Port and the Port city.

After a review of the port, Shri G.K. Vasan expressed his satisfaction over the progress made by Kandla Port. He stated that the Government is fully aware of the issues of Kandla Port and that the proposals of developmental activities are being pursued with concerned Ministries. He sought full co-operation and support of all concerned to realize the huge potential of the port.

He was happy to note that the Port is going to become 100 MMTPA Port in near future after implementing the projects in hand. Port has big plans for Road, Rail connectivity and Storage besides augmenting of infrastructural facilities like berths and cranes. He praised the Port Administration, the dedicated workforce, Trustees and Port users for their contribution. He lauded the efforts taken by the Port to bring in transparency, e-governance and user friendly systems which have brought satisfaction to Port users.

Also present on the occasion were Shri K. Mohandas, IAS, Secretary Shipping; Mrs. Poonamben Jat, MP, Kutch, Dr (Mrs) Nimaben Acharya, MLA, Anjar; and Dr P. Vijayan, Vice-Chancellor, IMU; besides Shri. P.D. Vaghela IAS, Chairman, Shri. M.A. Bhaskarachar, Dy.Chairman other Port officials, Trustees, Local leaders, Union leaders and other invitees.

Construction of Berths Nos. 13, 15 and 16, for which the foundation stones were laid, are to be developed by RAS Infraport Pvt. Ltd, JRE Infra Pvt. Ltd and PSL Infrastructure & Ports Pvt. Ltd, respectively at an estimated cost of Rs. 544 crore. These berths have a handling capacity of 6 million tonnes per annum. The barge jetty, of IFFCO Kisan Bazar & Logistic Ltd, will also be of 2 million tonnes capacity with the estimated cost being Rs 27 crore.

The Rs 28.32 crore mobile harbour cranes is of 63-tonne capacity with handling capacity of 2.4 million metric tons per annum.

The Kandla Port Campus of the Indian Maritime University promoted by Kandla Port Trust is the first such facility in Gujarat that will provide skilled manpower to Marine Sector.