

Minutes of the 14th Electronic meeting of National Shipping Board held on 19th January 2021 at 1630 hrs.

Attendees:

Dr. Malini Shankar, Chairperson NSB
Shri Amitabh Kumar, Director General of Shipping,
Shri Pradeep Chhabra, MoS
Shri P. Rajesh, DIG, Coast Guard
Capt. Sarvpreet, Indian Navy
Shri AbdulganiSerang-NUSI
Shri Amar Singh Thakur-MUI
Shri Anil Devli- INSA
Shri Rahul Modi- CCTA
Capt Sanjay Prashar, IMF
Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar-AMTOI
CaptPiyush Sinha
Shri A. Balasubramanian
Shri IshwarAchanta
Shri Ajay Sahai, FIEO
Shri Aditya Suklikar- ICCSA
Capt. Sankar Kr. Das, Secretary, NSB
Shri K. Narasimhan, NSB Secretariat
Shri KshetraNathMilli

1.0 Granting leave of absence: -

Leave of absence was granted TO Jt.Secretary (S) and Dr. AJAY SAHAI, FIEO

The Chairperson welcomed all members to the 14th meeting of NSB

2.0 Minutes of the 13thmeeting held on 24th November 2020 of NSB –

The minutes of the 13th Meeting had not been drafted by the Secretariat of the NSB and thus could not be circulated. Chairperson NSB, asked the Secretariat to draft the same and circulate it to all members with the next 2 weeks.

a) Discussion on Logistics Policy and Multimodal Transport

3.0 Discussion on Logistics Policy and Multimodal Transport

3.1 The Board went through the draft Logistics Policy. The Chairperson said that it was necessary to identify that all matters relating to multimodal transport were adequately covered in the Logistics policy. The Board members were requested to give their views, which were as follows:-

Sr. no.	Section	Comments
	2.2.5	<p>The Chairperson informed the members that a MOU was signed between the CII Institute of Logistics and IMU Chennai Campus to create a Centre of Excellence. Shri Devlidrew the attention to the Chairperson that NSB had created the NarottamMorarjee Institute of Shipping. This was now a premier institution and engaged in running courses including special sessions to train several PSUs and other organisations in matters relating to tanker operations, shipping practice, current shipping environment, Maritime law, tanker inspections, oil tanker operations, bunker management, risk management and marine insurance, maritime economics / chartering introductions, / post fixture operations, Laytime& demurrageRisk management etc. He suggested that NMIS should be considered for being looked upon as an extension to IMU while conducting logistics related courses since NMIS had the necessary</p>

		faculty and the staff for conducting such exercises. NMIS could function as a sub-entity under IMU and IMU can carry out courses which would be managed by NMIS. The Chairperson said that this can be explored and NMIS should get in touch with the IMU Mumbai campus to explore possibilities.
	3.2.1	Shri Devli suggested that all thoughts and concentration seems to be on containerized cargo and EXIM cargo. There is a need to look at domestic cargo, containerized as well as non-containerised and requested that this could be included as a recommendation from NSB. He opined that there was a fair bit of containerized cargo movement on Indian ships in containers and there is also a huge amount of domestic cargo that moves in non-containerised vessels on the coast and there is a need for enabling an infrastructure that would permit warehousing, storage etc for all of this also. The Chairperson agreed with this suggestion.
	3.3.1	Shri Devli brought to the attention of the Board that Sagarmala Development Company Limited(SDCL) has sought an Expression of Interest for Development of Product Specific Warehousing Spaceat various Ports and alongside Inland Waterways in India. This information may be considered by the Chairperson, while finalizing the response of the NSB.
	3.3.2	This point was connected to multimodal transport and hence the Chairperson had suggested that the draft National Logistics Policy and Multimodal Transport be looked at together. Shri Devli mentioned that he was aware of two possible instances of shift of multimodal cargo, one was pertaining to Goa, a presentation on this would be given to

		the Board at the meeting. Second was coal which currently moved from Paradip into Chennai for TNEB by rail and the same could be easily transported by sea.
	3.3.5	Shri Devli informed the Chairperson that the working group had just started some work on the farm products between Nasik to NhavaSheva and Ratnagiri region.
	3.14	<p>Shri Abdulgani mentioned that on creation of logistics hub there could also be employment generated due to allied activities which should be highlighted. The Chairperson suggested that a new clause 3.14.3 could be added under 3.14 stating that while, it should look into the employment opportunities in allied activities around the logistics hub.</p> <p>Shri Devli requested Shri Abdulgani to send him the exact text that should be suggested for inclusion under the new clause.</p>
	3.14.2	<p>Shri IshwarAchanta was of the opinion that since it is mentioned that the Logistics wing will identify key policy intervention and this brings into focus the skilling and the upskilling requirement which as per his opinion NSB could suggest. The Chairperson said that a group of NSB members could be formed to look at the skill requirement. This group could discuss and formulate an action plan on how the skilling, upgrading, expanding etc should be done. The members of the group will be Shri IshwarAchanta, Shri Abdulgani, Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar. She further added that skilling was a vast subject and that there are several reports already there which the group will have to go through and identify the missing gaps. Shri Bhadkamkar suggested that one of the agenda for the group could be</p>

		<p>'Plan for learn as you work'.</p> <p>Shri Bala said that IMU would be having some course on Logistics and the students doing the course would be required to carry out projects. IMU could therefore look into the skilling aspects as industry interface. The Chairperson suggested that the group could also look into this and consider points that are practical and can be implemented. She further suggested that a detailed discussion could be held only on skills and on its implementation.</p>
	3.16.2	<p>Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar mentioned that AMTOI had made some suggestions and requested NSB to consider the same.</p> <p>He said Multimodal transport cannot be a legal definition or a contractual multimodal transport but has to be a seamless multimodal transport. Seamless means infrastructure and allied regulations to permit a seamless change of mode and even if there is modal change in transit that also should be facilitated seamlessly. He mentioned three examples. The Chairperson was of the opinion that it was important to see if the key point was adequately reflected in the policy and the instances / examples brought out by Shri Bhadkamkar were the implementation issues.</p> <p>She therefore suggested that considering the instances highlighted by Shri Bhadkamkar, NSB could recommend with respect to infrastructure and procedures that when they are created it should be seamless and thereby cost effective.</p>

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4.0 Multimodal Transport presentation – The Board constituted a subcommittee to look at MMT related matters. The Committee has been examining the possible multimodal movements of cargo opportunities within India, and then try and

promote the usage of these opportunities by identifying hurdles and proposing solutions to the same. The committee constituted of following members

1. Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar, Chairman
2. Mr Anil Devli, CEO, INSA, Member NSB
3. Mr Prashant Seth, Director, FIEO, Nominee of Mr. Ajai Sahai, Member NSB
4. Capt M MSaggi, Invitee
5. Capt Gajanan Karanjikar, Invitee

4.1 Shri Devli gave a detailed presentation to the Board on the study carried out by the committee to examine the feasibility of modal shift of EXIM containers from road to sea between Goa and JNP. The entire study was explained in detail along with the recommendations.

4.2 Chairperson thanked Shri Devli for the comprehensive presentation. The members complimented Shri Devli and the committee for the good presentation and a few Board members clarified the doubts / questions they had, which were answered by Shri Devli. The Board members also debated on the point whether government support should be sought in order to make a policy change in order to move ahead on the study carried out and presented at the meeting. A suggestion was made that this effort could be replicated at other locations. The Chairperson opined that seeking the support of the government at this point would be time consuming and in case JNPT is willing to move

ahead, the opportunity must not be lost. Government support required to replicate such a model shift at other locations could be done later after actually showing this as an example. She suggested that basis the case study the government can be shown how this has successfully worked and then request the government for a policy change, if any, required.

5.0 Fixing date of the next meeting:

The date of the 15th meeting of the Board of NSB will be held on 9th March 2021 at 1600 hours. The group asked to look into the skills was asked to make a presentation at the next meeting.

There being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting was closed.

Approved

Dr. Malini Shankar

Chairperson

Place: Mumbai

Date: 22nd January 2021