

**Guidelines is to be strictly followed while undertaking any operations / activities
pandemic other statutory safety measures**

Ministry of Shipping's vide its order No. PD 14033/4/2020-PD -VII dated 23.03.2020, has informed that transport service for carriage of goods by water and any service connected with loading, unloading, movement or storage of goods in any port have been classified as essential service.

In the backdrop of COVID-19 related precautions, the functioning of Haldia Dock Complex, KoPT with respect to facilitating logistics related to essential commodities is pivotal to bridge the demand and supply across the hinterland. All port functions are required to be carried out by sincerely abiding all safely and precautionary measures towards preventing spread of COVID-19 in the country. The following guidelines is to be strictly followed while undertaking any operations / activities inside dock by the concerned agencies including BOT Operators, MHC Operators, Container Terminal Operator, Floating Jetty Operator, Contractors, Handling Agents, Service Providers, etc.:

1. All personnel directly or indirectly associated with cargo work have to be provided with protective mask and gloves. No personnel shall be allowed to carry out cargo work without wearing mask and gloves.
2. The used masks, gloves etc. to be safely discarded in bins to prevent reuse. The bins to be installed at strategic locations to facilitate collection of used masks, gloves for safe disposal.
3. Hand sanitizers and/or liquid soap and water to be made available at working points by concerned agencies to ensure safe usage and maintenance of highest degree of hygiene standard. The common toilets should also be equipped with sanitizer and/or liquid soap.
4. All employees/ personnel deployed at port to maintain mandatory safety distance with each other to prevent propagation of COVID-19. Safe distance to be maintained by the workers at canteens, rest rooms, toilets, etc. as well. However, persons working inside hold of vessels to maintain a safety distance of minimum 2 metres from each other.

All concerned are advised to remain committed to the fight against COVID-19 and under no circumstances the above guidelines are to be compromised in any manner whatsoever. A committee of officers will be on rounds to check strict compliance of the guidelines and any aberration will be viewed seriously and appropriate action shall be taken against concerned personnel or agency.