

**Notice towards extension of validity of Part-B of the Schedule of Rent for the Land and Buildings of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata under Haldia Dock Complex.**

Board of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port vide Reso No. R/439/HDC/ADMN/3/03/2023 dated 30.03.2023 has resolved to sanction the extension of validity of Part-B of the Schedule of Rent for the Land and Buildings of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata under Haldia Dock Complex relating to licensing of land/covered space inside Dock Interior Zone (Custom Bond area) for transit storage of import/export cargo for a further period of 06 months w.e.f. 07.04.2023 (i.e. upto 06.10.2023) or upto the date on which the new Scale of Rate would come into force, whichever is earlier. The rates of existing SoR will be applicable with all existing conditionalities during the period of extension. Details of approval is placed below for knowledge of all concerned.

Item No. A/15/HDC/ADMN/3/03/2023  
(Part – I)

Sub: Proposal regarding extension of validity of the existing Schedule of Rent (SoR) for transit storage of cargo in DIZ of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) at Haldia.

1. BACKGROUND: -

- 1.1 In the Board Meeting held in December 2021, as recorded in Board Resolution R/476/HDC/Admn/3/12/2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure – I) (Pages 344 – 349), Chairman, SMPK had, inter alia, advised that the feasibility of bringing the Rates for Licensing of land inside Dock Interior Zone for transit/storage of cargo would be kept under Scale of Rates may be explored.
- 1.2 While considering the SoR, the Committee, regarding the rates for short term allotment of land for transit storage of cargo in the Dock Interior Zone (Custom Bonded area) of HDC, has opined that in all major neighbouring ports, the rate and conditionality governing allotment of land inside custom bonded area for storage of transit cargo is prescribed in the Scale of Rates and not in Rent Schedule (SoR). Also, this charge is essentially related to cargo handling services and such allotments (other than those for five years basis) are normally done at rate specified in the Schedule without going for tender/ auction.

1.3 The Board of SMPK vide Reso. No. R/237/HDC/ADMN/3/09/2022 had accepted the recommendation of the Committee. The Schedule of Rent (SoR) came into effect from 26<sup>th</sup> Oct' 2022. While the Part-A of the SoR is valid for a period upto 6<sup>th</sup> April' 2026, the Part-B of the SoR dealing with rates and conditionality governing land / covered space inside Dock Interior Zone for transit storage of import/export cargo is valid upto 06.04.2023 or till date of implementation of new Scale of Rates of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, whichever is earlier. (Extracts at Annexure - II) (Pages 350 – 355).

1.4 The Scale of Rates of SMPK is in the process of finalization and it may take some time to come into effect. The matter has been discussed with General Manager (Finance) when it was indicated that the draft Scale of Rates (SoR) is being placed in the forthcoming Board meeting on 29.03.2023 and considering the steps thereafter, it may be considered to take 6 months extension. Considering same, in order to avoid a vacuum in the levy of the rates for allotment of land in the Dock Interior Zone (custom bonded area) for storage of transit cargo beyond 06.04.2023, there is requirement for extension of validity of the SoR for further period after 06.04.2023.

2. PROPOSAL: -

2.1 Extension of validity of Part-B of the existing Schedule of Rent (SoR) relating to licensing of land / covered space inside Dock Interior Zone for transit storage of import/export cargo for a further period of 6 months w.e.f. 07.04.2023 i.e. upto

06.10.2023 or till coming into effect of the new Scale of Rates of SMPK, whichever is earlier. On such extension, the rates of existing SoRs will be applicable with all the existing conditionalities.

3. **JUSTIFICATION:** -

3.1 Already detailed in Background notes under para-1 above.

4. **DECISION:** -

Approval to the proposal as at para-2 above.

Sd/- S. K. Dhar  
Secretary (I/C)

**Item No. A/15/HDC/ADMN/3/03/2023**

**Part-I**

**Proposal regarding extension of validity of the existing Schedule of Rent (SoR) for transit storage of cargo in DIZ of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) at Haldia.**

The proposal was explained to the Members.

After detailed discussion, Members decided to approve the proposal.

**Resolution No. R/439/HDC/ADMN/3/03/2023:** Members, after discussion, resolved to sanction extension of the validity of the Part-B of the Schedule of Rent (SoR) of Haldia Dock Complex relating to licensing of land/covered space inside Dock Interior Zone for transit storage of import/export cargo for 6 more months w.e.f. 07.04.2023 (i.e. upto 06.10.2023) or upto the date on which the new Scale of Rates would come into force, whichever is earlier. It was also resolved that the rates of existing SoRs will be applicable with all the existing conditionalities during the aforesaid extended period.