

KOLKATA PORT TRUST

ALL TIME RECORD CONTAINER TRAFFIC

HANDLED BY KOLKATA PORT IN SEPTEMBER, 2014

Shri R. P. S. Kahlon, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust said that during September, 2014 Kolkata Dock System (KDS) of Kolkata Port Trust achieved a momentous landmark in container handling by recording an all time high monthly handling of **50092 Twenty Feet Equivalent Units (TEUs)**. This surpassed the previous highest monthly handling of 44873 TEUs achieved in August 2014. It is undoubtedly a moment of immense satisfaction for the dock system, which started handling containers in small parcels way back in 1977-78. Kolkata Port Authorities acknowledged that this would not have been possible without sustained encouragement, faith and support of the customers. They hoped that the continued trust and patronage of the customers would provide immense strength to move ahead to an even more fulfilling future.

Shri Kahlon further stated that during the first 6 months of the current financial year (April to September 2014) KDS of Kolkata Port Trust recorded a growth of **7.93%** in container handling compared to the same period of last fiscal and continued to hold 3rd position among Major Ports. From April to September, 2014 Kolkata Port Trust, KDS and HDC combined, handled 3,14,464 TEUs as against 2,97,970 during the corresponding period of the last year - thus registering a growth of 5.54%.

Shri R. P. S. Kahlon, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust, said that Kolkata Port was adjudged the 'Container Handling Port of the Year' among all Major Ports of the country at the 5th South East Cargo & Logistics Awards 2013 ceremony in recognition of its excellence in container handling. Bharat Kolkata Container Terminals Pvt. Ltd., a wholly owned unit of PSA International, is due to commence container handling operation at Kolkata Terminal from December, 2014. They have already started mobilizing their equipment. Container handling at Kolkata Port will get a further boost with the induction of PSA.

Commodities, which contributed to the growth in container traffic at KDS, are rise in import of peas, metal scrap, raw asbestos, resins, electronic goods, machineries, chemicals etc. and increased export of jute & jute products, CI goods, aluminium products, steel, ferrochrome etc.