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Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon’ble Minister of State for Shipping (Independent Charge) and Chemicals & Fertilizers, visited Mumbai Port Trust on 10.8.2019 and took a detailed review of Mumbai Port working.

Shri Sanjay Bhatia, IAS, Chairman made a detailed presentation on Mumbai Port Trust’s various future proposals, Master Plan, Land Policy, Super Speciality Hospital, Offshore Container Terminal, Port’s Vision Plan and Road Map for the Port and Future Projects. The Minister also reviewed the existing and ongoing projects of the Port. The Hon’ble Minister appreciated the efforts taken by Mumbai Port Trust on various fronts and also the team spirit with which all the employees of the port are working.

The Hon’ble Minister inspected the progress of the projects of Mumbai Port Trust International Cruise Terminal and Offshore Container Terminal alongwith Shri Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, Shri Yashodhan Wanage, Dy. Chairman and other senior officers.

As part of Mumbai Port’s CSR initiatives, the Hon’ble Minister handed over a Laptop to Kum. Reeya Singh, daughter of late Shri Sanjeev Kumar, PO, UW I, Indian Navy who lost his life in Naval Dockyard explosion in 2013. The Minister stated that the defence personnel lay their life for the country and should always be remembered for their sacrifice for eternal period by all the
citizens and stated that he feels happy when he comes across every such initiative towards the well-being of the families of martyrs. He appreciated CSR initiative of Mumbai Port and further assured of his Ministry’s whole hearted support in all such endeavors.

As a path breaking initiative, the Hon’ble Minister held interactive meet with various stakeholders. The representatives of Importers/Shipping agents/ Clearing agents/ operators/ Oil PSUs, who attended expressed their satisfaction for the co-operation rendered by the MbPT officials. They also gave valuable suggestions regarding the future Port logistics and measures to render cost and quality of the services to the trade. Minister also interacted with the representatives of the service providers & Contractors. The Minister thanked all the stakeholders as well as service providers for their contributions made to the port Industry and assured that their valuable suggestions would certainly be examined and will be a part of reform.

The Hon’ble Minister met Shri Kersi Parekh and Shri Sudhakar Apraj, both the Labour Trustees of Mumbai Port Trust who submitted their representations and requested to make a provision for housing for the Port’s employees and ex-employees in the proposed land development. Both the Labour Trustees informed that due to the grim situation of flood in the State of Maharashtra, a day’s salary would be donated by MbPT employees towards Flood Relief. The Minister appreciated both the Trustees and exhorted them to co-operate with the Administration in its endeavor to improve efficiency and reduce cost.

The Hon’ble Minister also addressed the officers of the Mumbai Port and advised them to work with vision, sincerity and devotion. He stated that commitment and dedication from one and all will lead to better productivity as well as improvement in the work culture. Further, he appreciated the team
work and commitment of the MbPT officers and observed that there was great strength in this team work through which the Port can scale greater heights.

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