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PRESS RELEASE

Record handling of Coastal Ship in Mumbai Port.

Successful handling of HR Coils from a Coastal Vessel carrying 29407 Metric Tonnes in Mumbai Port paved a way for movement of large parcel size of steel coils from East Coast of India to West Coast of India when Vessel M.V. Propel Progress loaded in Paradip Port was unloaded in Mumbai Port between 23.04.2016 to 26.04.2016. The vessel was granted priority berthing under the Government guidelines and within 64 hours from berthing it completed the discharge operations giving a high productivity of 11028 Tonnes per ship berthed day. Hitherto the HR coils were to be moved by Rail from the Odisha factory of M/s.Bhusan Steel Ltd. to their factory at Khopoli in Maharashtra. The Coastal shipping enabled movement of large parcel size in record time, as this very load would have otherwise required 10 rakes from Paradip to Khopoli.

2. Coastal Shipping is known to be much cheaper than road and rail and much more environment friendly than these two modes. MbPT is committed to provide better facilities for coastal cargoes in line with the Ministry's objective of sustainable growth of coastal shipping, in which Government of India has a vision to increase the share of Coastal Shipping in the Modal mix from 7% at present to 10% by 2019-20. Mumbai Port has already earmarked two berths and shed for handling exclusive coastal cargoes. Besides it has extended the benefit of 40% rebate in the vessel related and cargo related charges for coastal cargoes vis-à-vis foreign cargoes. MbPT is also promoting coastal movement of cement, so as to reduce the road and rail congestion.

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