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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY  
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (PORT)

(G.O. Ms. No. 01, Puducherry, dated 24th May 2024)

NOTIFICATION

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Sagarmala Cell), Government of India *vide* their communication Letter No. M-25021/14/2024-SM (e-365466), dated 22-04-2024 of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (Sagarmala Cell), Government of India, has requested all Coastal/Non-Coastal States to constitute the "State Maritime and Waterways Transport Committee (SMWTC)" for their respective States/Union Territories to monitor and implement various initiatives pertaining to the Maritime and Waterways Sector.

2. Accordingly, the Hon'ble Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry, is pleased to constitute the "State Maritime and Waterways Transport Committee (SMWTC)" for the Union territory of Puducherry with the following composition;

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|--------|--|----|-----------------|
| (i)    | Commissioner- <i>cum</i> -Secretary to Government (Ports), Puducherry          | .. | Chairperson     |
| (ii)   | Director of Ports, Puducherry  | .. | Member-Convener |
| (iii)  | Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Puducherry                            | .. | Member          |
| (iv)   | Transport Commissioner, Puducherry   | .. | Member          |
| (v)    | Director of Tourism, Puducherry  | .. | Member          |
| (vi)   | Director of Fisheries, Puducherry  | .. | Member          |
| (vii)  | Representative from Railways, Tiruchirapalli Division.                         | .. | Member          |
| (viii) | Representative from Regional Office, NHAI, Chennai.                            | .. | Member          |
| (ix)   | Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Cuddalore.                                  | .. | Member          |
| (x)    | Representative from Directorate-General of Lighthouse and Lightships, Chennai. | .. | Member          |
| (xi)   | Representative from Mercantile Marine Department, Chennai.                     | .. | Member          |

3. The objectives of the "State Maritime and Waterways Transport Committee (SMWTC)" for the Union territory of Puducherry is as hereunder;

(i) To facilitate close coordination between Central and State Agencies to resolve issues relating to projects on Maritime/Waterways Sector inclusive of Sea and River based tourism activities.

(ii) Unlock the full potential of the Union Territories Maritime/Waterways resources through diligent monitoring and proactive intervention.

(iii) Pave the way for a brighter and more prosperous future for coastal and river communities and the Nation as a whole.

4. The broad Terms of Reference (ToR) for the State Maritime and Waterways Transport Committee is enclosed as Annexure 1.

5. The Committee shall meet once in Three months.

(By order)

**S. MURUGESAN,**  
Under Secretary to Government (Port).

## ANNEXURE 1

**TERMS OF REFERENCES (ToR)**

**The broad Terms of Reference for the State Maritime and Waterway Transport Committees are given below:**

These ToRs aim to guide the Committees in addressing critical aspects of the maritime sector in the State, promoting sustainable development and contributing to the overall economic growth and well-being of the State.

I. *Maritime and Waterways Master Plan*: (a) Preparation of a State specific Maritime and Waterways Transport Master Plan. The Master Plan may have components such as Waterways development, Inland and Coastal Berths and Terminals, Skill Development, Urban Water Transportation, cruise/river cruise, Passenger/RoRo and RoPAx ferries, Seaplane services, Floating Jetties, Fishing Harbours, *etc.* It may be noted that MoPSW had already requested Maritime Boards of coastal States to prepare a Maritime Master Plan. SMWTCs can coordinate and ensure incorporation of waterways development plan also in the Master Plan, and the same to be prepared for non-coastal States having waterways also. SMWTCs will oversee the preparation and subsequent implementation of the Master Plan of the State.

(b) Establish clear timelines, milestones and performance indicators to track progress and ensure accountability.

(c) Regularly review and update the Maritime and Waterways Master Plan based on evolving priorities, emerging challenges and feedback from stakeholders.

II. *Monitoring Implementation of Projects and Schemes*: (a) Monitor the implementation of the initiatives and projects as outlined in the Maritime Master Plan, and other MoPSW sponsored Schemes and projects/initiatives, such as Sagarmala, within the State.

(b) Allocate resources and establish project teams or task forces to oversee the execution of each project.

(c) Monitor project progress regularly and address any issues or bottlenecks to ensure timely completion.

(d) Foster collaboration with relevant Government agencies, Private sector partners, and international organizations to leverage expertise and resources for project implementation.

III. *Achievement Assessment* : (a) Define Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and benchmarks to measure the success of implemented initiatives and projects.

(b) Conduct regular assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of implemented initiatives in achieving their intended outcomes.

(c) Solicit feedback from stakeholders and incorporate lessons learned into future planning and implementation efforts.

(d) Prepare reports summarizing achievements, challenges, and recommendations for improvement.

IV. *Maritime Sector Policies*: (a) Conduct reviews of existing maritime sector policies in the State to identify gaps and areas for improvement.

(b) Help in formulating new policies or amend existing ones to ensure that policies promote sustainable development, safety, security, and competitiveness within the maritime sector, thereby improving the maritime ecosystem.

(c) Consult with industry stakeholders, legal experts, and regulatory agencies to ensure policy coherence and effectiveness.

V. *Output/Outcome Evaluation of Maritime and Waterway Initiatives*: (a) Evaluate the outputs and outcomes of maritime initiatives within the State. Establish performance metrics aligned with the objectives of each initiative to measure effectiveness and impact.

(b) Collect relevant data and conduct regular assessments to track progress and identify areas for improvement.

(c) Engage with stakeholders to gather feedback and insights on the perceived value and impact of implemented initiatives.

(d) Use evaluation findings to inform decision-making, allocate resources efficiently, and optimize future implementation efforts.

VI. *Security, Safety and Disaster Management*: (a) Strengthen maritime/waterway security infrastructure, including surveillance systems, patrol vessels, and port security measures within the State

(b) Ensure Statutory Compliances such as ISPS, NSPC, POL, Security, Customs, Pollution, *etc.*, for all ports and terminals in the State.

(c) Develop and implement contingency plans for various maritime emergencies, including oil spills, natural disasters and security threats.

VII. *Green Initiatives*: (a) Promote the adoption of eco-friendly technologies and practices across the sector in the State, including vessel emissions controls, alternative fuels and waste management solutions.

(b) Implement regulations and standards to enforce compliance with environmental laws and promote sustainability in maritime operations.

(c) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of green initiatives and adjust strategies as needed to achieve desired environmental outcomes.

VIII. *Waterways Development*: (a) Assess the existing waterway infrastructure and potential for development within the state in collaboration with IWAI.

(b) Formulate a detailed Waterways Development Plan, outlining short-term and long-term objectives (with special focus on Cargo, Passengers, River and Cruise Tourism), prioritized projects, and resource allocation in collaboration with IWAI.

(c) Monitor the progress of waterway development initiatives, track KPIs, and conduct periodic evaluations to identify challenges and opportunities for improvement.

(d) Engage in proactive communication and outreach efforts to garner support from stakeholders and the general public.

(e) Continuously explore innovative solutions and best practices in waterway management and development, seeking to optimize efficiency, safety and environmental stewardship.

IX. *Cruise Tourism (Ocean/River)* : (a) Develop infrastructure and facilities to support the growth of cruise tourism within the State.

(b) Improve accessibility and connectivity of ports and terminals to accommodate the Vessels.

(c) Enhance the quality of services and amenities available to passengers and ferry commuters, including terminal facilities, transportation options and tourism options.

(d) Collaborate with tourism operators, private operators and local communities to promote and market cruise services effectively.

X. *Urban Water Transportation (Ferries/Ro-ro/Ro-Pax)*: (a) Develop infrastructure and facilities to support the growth of ferry services, and urban water transportation within the State.

(b) Improve accessibility and connectivity of ports and terminals to accommodate the Vessels.

(c) Enhance the quality of services and amenities available to passengers and ferry commuters, including terminal facilities, transportation options.

(d) Collaborate with private operators and local communities to promote and market ferry services effectively.

XI. *Development of Lighthouses*: (a) Promote tourism at lighthouses and conserve heritage structures while offering a unique lighthouse-based tourism experience.

(b) Compile and analyse data related to lighthouses, heritage conservation, tourism potential, tourism footfall, *etc.*

XII. *Cargo Traffic*: Maintain and compile data related to cargo traffic for all ports within the State, monthly, quarterly, yearly, *etc.*, both coastal and EXIM, including Cargo Traffic for different commodities.

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