



*Press Release*

## **More relief materials arrive; Cochin Port Trust earmarks**

### **Godowns for free storage of relief materials**

1. Four containers of relief materials sent by Shipping fraternity from Tuticorin under the initiative of Ministry of Shipping has arrived ICTT Vallarpadam by SSL Krishna and the same have been directly delivered for distribution today (20/08/2018) morning. The coastal crude vessel Swarna Godavari with 50000 MT Crude from Mumbai, diverted by BPCL to Cochin Port to meet the fuel demand of Kerala, has also arrived today(20.08.2018).
2. More relief materials from different parts of India have started arriving Cochin Port via Coastal Shipping. Naval Ship INS Deepak carrying relief materials from Mumbai had arrived Cochin Port on 19/08/2018 with about 800 tonnes of fresh water & about 18 tonnes of provisions. This ship will make another call at Cochin Port with relief materials on 22/08/2018.
3. Cochin Port Trust has earmarked two berths for priority berthing of vessels bringing flood relief materials to Kerala. Also, two godowns have been earmarked for storage of relief materials and medicines free of charges.
4. M/s. Transworld Group has offered special coastal services of ships connecting Ports at Hazira, Mundra, Kattupalli, Tuticorin, Pipavav, Kandla with Cochin for carrying flood relief materials from different parts of India.
5. Relief materials mobilized by all Major Ports under Ministry of Shipping are being consolidated at VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin and the same is expected to reach Cochin Port by 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018.
6. The relief camp for flood affected people started by Cochin Port at Sir Robert Bristow Memorial School, Willingdon Island has About 15 people from the flood affected area of Koonamavu and 11 from Kothad 5 from Alleppey and 19 from different areas near Cochin (Total - 50 persons). Doctors from Port Trust hospital examined the camp inmates and medicines were provided. Volunteer teams comprising staff and family members of Cochin Port, Customs and CISF and medical team from Cochin Port Trust Hospital are assisting the camp and extending necessary support.
7. Earlier, Cochin Port Trust had decided to contribute Rs.62 lakhs comprising Rs.31 lakhs from employees' one day salary and Rs.31 lakhs from Cochin Port Trust fund to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Apart from this the employees of Cochin Port Trust have also contributed Rs.65,000/- (which they had collected for their Onam celebrations) for the relief work.

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