



Press Release

Commissioning of Water Barge Operations at Cochin Port

There was a 200 MT Capacity Water Barge named M V Jalaprabha was in operation at Cochin Port till 2019 and supplied Fresh Water to the ships calling at Cochin Port. After decommissioning the Water Barge M V Jalaprabha, as it has completed its life time, action has been taken to hire the Water Barge for the supply of Fresh Water to the ships.

Accordingly, the contract has been awarded to M/s AMRUT Dredging and Shipping Limited, Rajkot for the Hiring of Water Barge with an aggregate capacity of 250 MT i.e. the Water Barge Operator / Contractor can supply a single Water Barge of 250 MT or in multiples of size of Water Barge say 100 Tons 1 No., 50 Tons 3 Nos etc.

The contract has been awarded to M/s AMRUT Dredging and Shipping Limited, Rajkot on 31/01/2023 under Revenue Share Model i.e. the Port has not invested any amount and only the Contractor will be operating the Water Barge and will pay the 43% of the Revenue obtained through sales of Water through Ships to the Cochin Port Authority and balance 57% will be earned by him.

As per the contract, the Contractor can supply alternate Water Barges of age up to 20 years and capacity of lesser than 250 MT during the initial period of 6 months and then supply Water Barge strictly as per the conditions of the contract i.e. either a New Water Barge chartered from other owners or construct a New Water Barge within a period of 6 months.

The present Water Barge AMRUT 55 supplied by M/s AMRUT Dredging and Shipping Ltd having a capacity of 156 MT Water tanks has been commissioned on 17/04/2023 at 3 pm and Sri. Vikas Narwal IAS, Dy. Chairperson has inaugurated the Water Barge operations at BTP berth of Cochin Port Authority. The Water Barge will start supplying Fresh Water to the Ships from 18/04/2023 onwards.

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