

Memorandum of Intent between the Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India on the Development of Maritime Communications and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation between the Port of Chennai, Republic of India, and the Port of Vladivostok, Russian Federation

The Ministry of Shipping of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

proceeding from the common desire to develop merchant shipping between the two States,

desiring to facilitate the participation of their vessels in the carriage of goods between the ports of the two States open for calls by foreign vessels,

have reached an understanding on the following:

1. The aim of this Memorandum is the intent of the Parties to develop maritime communications between the port of Chennai, the Republic of India, and the port of Vladivostok, Russian Federation.
2. Cooperation in accordance with this Memorandum is carried out under the coordination of the Russian-Indian Joint Maritime Commission, provided by the Agreement between the Government of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Republic of India on Merchant Shipping, 1994 and may include, but is not limited to the following areas:
 - a. joint study of the possibility and commercial viability of opening a sea line between the port of Chennai and the port of Vladivostok;
 - b. research and elaboration of organizational schemes for opening a sea line between the port of Chennai and Vladivostok;
 - c. examination and analysis of information on potential carrier, consignee, nomenclature and volume of cargo, and types of vessels that can be used for shipping;
 - d. assistance in reducing the time of transportation of maritime transport, preventing ship delays.
- 3.1. The Parties will encourage and promote direct contacts and cooperation between relevant organizations of the States of the Parties in order to facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum.

3.2. Unless otherwise specified by agreement of the Parties, each Party shall independently bear the costs of its participation in joint activities under this Memorandum.

4. The Parties shall consult at the request of one of the Parties on any issues related to the implementation of this Memorandum, and will jointly seek to resolve any difficulties or disagreements in the spirit of mutual cooperation and trust.

5.1. The Parties shall cooperate within the framework of this Memorandum in accordance with the national legislation of the States of the Parties and subject to the availability of financial and personnel capabilities of the Parties.

5.2. This Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create obligations for the Parties governed by international law.

6. This Memorandum is applied from the date of signing. Each Party may terminate the application of this Memorandum by notifying the other Party in writing.

Signed in Vladivostok on «04» September 2019 in two originals, each in Hindi, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

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