



SEMINAR ON

Importance of Waterways for Economic Development

Friday, 7th June 2013 at 10.00 a.m. at Williamson Magor Hall

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

(6, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata – 700001)

Programme Structure

9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.	Registration	
10.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Inaugural Session	
10.00 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.	Welcome Speech	Mr Kallol Datta President The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
10.10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Address by Chief Guest	Shri Pradeep Kumar Sinha, IAS Secretary Ministry of Shipping Government of India
10.30 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.	Vote of Thanks	Capt S B Mazumder Chairperson Shipping Committee The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
10.40 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	Technical Session I	
Session Chairman:	Mr Kallol Datta , President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry	
10.40 a.m. – 11.10 a.m.	Past, Present & Future in development of Inland Waterways for movement of cargo with special reference to NWs I & II and proposed NW VI	Mr. V. Trivedi, I.A.S Chairperson Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) Ministry of Shipping Government of India
11.10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Benefits for KoPT on development of NW I, II & proposed NW VI	Shri R P S Kahlon, IAS Chairman Kolkata Port Trust
11.30 a.m. – 11.50 a.m.	Overall Govt Policy of Central Water Commission pertaining to waterways for freight movement with special emphasis on eastern zone rivers	Mr. Arun Kumar Sinha General Manager Farakkha Barrage Project Ministry of Water Resources Government of India
11.50 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.	Q & A and Distribution of Mementos	

12.00 a.m. – 12.55 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE	
12.15 p.m. - 1.35 p.m.	Technical Session II	
Session Chairman:	Mr Dibyendu Bose , Managing Director, TM International Logistics Ltd	
12.15 p.m. – 12.45 p.m.	International experiences in inland waterways transport, best practices and possible applications in India	Mr. Harrie de Leijer Director Strategy Panteia BV, The Netherlands. Strategist on Inland Waterways
12.45 p.m. – 1.05 p.m.	Awareness on River Sea Vessels (RSVs)	Capt L K Panda Nautical Advisor to Government of India Directorate General of Shipping Ministry of Shipping
1.05 p.m. – 1.25 p.m.	Transshipment in India Coastal Waters – Opportunities & challenges	Capt.Rajesh Mehrotra Chairman, Sula Logistics Inc, USA
1.25 p.m. – 1.35 p.m.	Q & A and Distribution of Mementos	
1.35 p.m. – 2.20 p.m.	LUNCH	
2.20 p.m. - 3.40 p.m.	Technical Session III	
Session Chairman:	Shri Praful Tayal , Ex Chairman cum Managing Director, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd (A Govt of India Undertaking)	
2.20 p.m. – 2.40 p.m.	Specialized barges for optimum use on inland waterways	Mr Hendrik Geert Blaauw Senior advisor/director HBCB (Henk Blaauw Consultancy BV) The Netherlands Expert on Barge Industry
2.40 p.m. – 3.20 p.m.	Practical difficulties & developmental requirements for maximum utility of NW I, II & proposed NWWI	Mr Swapan Kr Das Ex-Chairman, Central Water Commission & Ex – Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Government of India
3.20p.m. – 3.40 p.m.	Trans-Boundary Inland Navigation: Indo – Bangla Trade Facilitation	Mr Syed Monowar Hussain Ex Director (port and traffic) and Secretary Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA)
3.40 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Q & A and Distribution of Mementos	
3.50 p.m. – 4.05 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE	

4.05 p.m. – 5.05 p.m.

Technical Session VI

Session Chairman:

Mr M V Nath, Chairman, Vivada Inland Waterways Ltd

4.05 p.m. – 4.25 p.m.

Presentation on participation in the movement of bulk cargo in the rivers of eastern zone including transloading at Kanika Sands/Sandheads and a brief presentation on the barging activities in Goa port

Capt. Vikas Vij

Managing Director
I Marine Infratech (India) Pvt. Ltd.
& Representative of Indian Coastal Conference and Shipping Association (ICCSA)

4.25 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.

Presentation on "Prospects of Financing the required infrastructure for future movement of cargo through inland waterways"

Mr. Saibal De

Director and CEO
IL&FS Maritime Infrastructure Company Ltd

4.45 p.m. – 5.05 p.m.

Barging Prospects on NW I & II and proposed NW VI

Mr Yaswant Singhee

Managing Director
Eastern Navigation

5.05 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

Q & A and Distribution of Mementos

5.15 p.m. – 5.25 p.m.

Feedback and Concluding Remarks

Capt S B Mazumder

Chairperson
Shipping Committee
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry
