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In order to restrict the outbreak of novel Coronavirus (COVID 19), the State Governments have notified various prohibitory orders in their respective States prescribing various regulations and measures to be taken. In all these orders, there are provisions for exemption relating to essential goods and services.

2.0 Ministry of Shipping has also issued an Order dated 23.03.2020 (copy enclosed), *declaring "transport service for carriage of goods by water and any service connected with loading, unloading, movement or storage of goods in any port" as essential service.* While reviewing the operations of the port through Video Conferencing with all major ports Chairmen today, it is brought to my notice that in some States, movement of trucks/trailers to and from Ports/ Container Freight Station is being restricted resulting in congestion at the ports and affecting movement of goods to and from the hinterland.

3.0 I would request you to kindly sensitize the District Administration regarding the order issued by Ministry of Shipping so that port operation are not affected at all.

Yours Sincerely
Sd/-
Gopal Krishna

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