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STATE-OF-THE-ART MULTI-MODAL CARGO TERMINAL AT ARAKKONAM

Chennai Division of Southern Railway, under the vision of Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal Policy – 2022, has awarded M/s JSW Infrastructure Ltd a significant contract for development and operation of a state-of-the-art multi-modal cargo terminal at Arakkonam. To be established on a railway land area of one lakh sq.m (approx) adjacent to Arakkonam Railway Station, the facility aims at transforming the logistics infrastructure of the region.

The new Cargo terminal at Arakkonam will be equipped with facilities including two full rake length lines, adequate wharf areas for efficient goods handling, approach roads with highway connectivity, service buildings for the terminal and other requisite amenities for a fully developed multi-modal cargo terminal.

Under this initiative, Arakkonam is poised to be developed as a global hub for multi-modal cargo operations under the Gati Shakti Multi Modal Cargo Terminal Policy and is expected to attract an additional 1 million ton of goods handled annually at this terminal. Once commissioned, the facility is expected to generate local employment in large numbers and offer an economic boost to the Ranipet, Tiruvallur, Kanchipuram and neighbouring districts.

The licensee, M/s JSW Infrastructure Ltd, which will invest around Rs.40-50 crores, has been offered exclusive rights to build additional infrastructure like the construction of warehouses, mechanized loading and unloading facilities, specialized goods handling facilities and provision of offering value-added services to all users of the Arakkonam Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal. The contractual agreement spans for a period of 35 years. This project will generate significant revenue to Railways as the licensee will pay a license fee for the land being offered to them for development and in addition will pay the bid amount as access charges for each rake handled at the terminal.

This initiative by Chennai Division marks a significant step towards enhancing transport infrastructure under the Gati Shakti program, fostering economic growth.

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