

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways

Government of the Republic of India

and

Ministry of Shipping

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Relating to

**The Use of Chittagong and Mongla Ports for
Movement of Goods to and from India**

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Department of Shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Shipping, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties").

Whereas as a reflection of the intention expressed in the Joint Communiqué of 12 January, 2010 issued on the occasion of the visit to India of H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh it has been decided by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as GoB) to allow the Government of the Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as GoI) to use Chittagong and Mongla Ports of Bangladesh for movement of goods to and from India.

And whereas the same has been discussed in subsequent meetings between the two Governments regarding the modalities for implementing the existing agreements;

Have reached following understanding:

1. Bangladesh shall allow use of Chittagong and Mongla Ports for the movement of goods to and from India. Both the countries agree that necessary instruments (agreements, protocols etc.) will be finalized through mutual consultation for the purpose of implementation of this Memorandum, which will include among others, routes from Chittagong/Mongla to Agartala, Chittagong/Mongla to Dawki, and Chittagong/Mongla to Sutarkandi.
2. Both the countries agree that the movement of goods to and from Chittagong and Mongla Ports may be by waterways, rail, road or multimodal transport;
3. The movement of the goods, within Bangladesh shall be subject to the relevant laws and regulations of Bangladesh;

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