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MPSEZ Commences Doubling of 57 KM Mundra-Adipur Private Railway Line

Mundra Port and Special Economic Zone Ltd., has laid foundation stone for doubling the existing Mundra-Adipur 57 Km private railway line to meet the growing demand of the port. This additional line will be parallel to the existing one. The new line will have four crossing stations and 99 bridges. It will be capable to handle 25 Tonne axle load wagons at 100 KMPH. The line will be commissioned in two phases. The first phase of 30 Km will be commissioned by June 2011 and rest by the end of 2011-12.

Indian Railway has already doubled their track between Samaikhali – Adipur and with the doubling of Adipur – Mundra by Adani Group and Samaikhali – Palanpur by the Kutch Railway Company, the entire route from Mundra Port to northern India will be double line, with capacity to handle close to 60 Million Tonne Cargo annually. With this, Mundra Port shall become the second Port after JNPT on the West Coast, which shall be connected by double line rail corridor.

Mundra Port has multiple advantages, it has deep draft, shorter distance, zero waiting time for berthing, RO-RO facility with floating pontoon for automobile export, faster and mechanized cargo loading/unloading facility, rail route with capability of handling double stack containers; all these coupled with de bottle necking cargo movement by doubling the railway line and creation of new berthing facilities will make Mundra preferred port for EXIM cargo from northern hinterland.

Ministry of Railways has already initiated construction of doubling line high speed Dedicated Freight Corridor between Delhi - Mumbai which shall pass through the state of Gujarat. This corridor too will have connectivity with Mundra Port through Palanpur–Gandhidham-Adipur-Mundra rail line. These multiple rail connectivity coupled with road connectivity thru branches of NH8 will ensure faster and cost effective evacuation of cargo from Mundra to other parts of country.

Adani Group had constructed private railway line connecting to Mundra Port to Adipur on Indian Railways, which was commissioned in the year 2002. With the seamless operations on this railway and excellent connectivity to the Indian Railway system, Mundra Port witnessed tremendous growth in handling multi commodities cargo viz., coal, fertilizers, food grains, steel, sugar, vegetable oil, containers etc. In the year 2009-10, MPSEZ handled over 40 Million Tonne cargo at Mundra, out of which 10.75 Million Tonne cargo moved by rail. With this de-bottle necking of railway coupled with creation of newer terminals under the expansion plan, MPSEZ is expected to handle 100 Million Tonne cargo in 2012-13 from Mundra alone. MPSEZ is also developing terminals for handling variety of cargo at Dahej and Hazira in Gujarat and Marmugaon in Goa, with commissioning of these facilities MPSEZ will be handling close to 200 Million tonnes of cargo.