

## Performance of Kolkata Port

Kolkata Port Trust handled a record traffic of 46.2 million tonnes in 2004-05 registering a growth of 12% over previous year's traffic of 41.26 million tonnes. After a long gap of 37 years, Kolkata Port ranked **Second** (1<sup>st</sup> -Visakhapatnam, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Chennai) among Indian Major Ports in terms of cargo handled. The annual growth registered by Indian Major Ports. The share of Traffic of Kolkata Port increased (to over 12%) despite growth of traffic of Minor Ports and competition among Indian Major Ports.

The traffic handled at Kolkata Dock System increased from 5.37 million tonnes in 2001-02 to 9.95 million tonnes in 2004 -05 i.e. a rise of over 85%, while the traffic at Haldia Dock Complex increased from 25.03 million tonnes in 2001-02 to 36.26 million tonnes in 2004 -05 i.e. a rise of *around* 45%. During the last four years Kolkata Port increased its cargo volume by 16.207 million tonnes - highest among Indian Major Ports.

In respect of container traffic Kolkata Port handled 2,87,992 TEUs in 2004-05 compared to 2,59,076 TEUs in 2003-04 i.e. an increase of over 11%. Kolkata Dock System alone registered a growth of 30.8% - in container traffic - highest among Indian Major Ports.

In respect of vessels' traffic, Kolkata Port handled highest number of vessels (2860) in 2004-05 among Indian Major Ports. In fact during the last 3 years Kolkata Port continually handling the highest number of vessels among Indian Major Ports.

In respect of other parameters our performance in respect of Average Pre-berthing Detention, Turn Round time of vessels and ship day output improved considerably.

The trend of performance achieved during 2004-05, continued during the first six months of the current fiscal (2005-06). KoPT continue to rank 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> being Visakhapatnam) in terms of volume of traffic handled. Kolkata Port, however, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in respect of both absolute and percentage growth of traffic among Indian Major Ports during April to September 2005-06 over same period of 2004-05. In container traffic, KoPT handled all time record container traffic of 28107 TEUs in September 2005. During April to September 2005, the Port handled 1,57,180 TEUs against 1,39,558 TEUs handled during the same period of previous year. Kolkata Dock System during this period registered a rise in container traffic of 28,185 TEUs or a growth of over 37% - highest among Indian Major Ports.

KoPT has introduced various customer friendly measures like licensing scheme for cargo in place of demurrage, reduction of various Port charges, inventing new business opportunities and encouraged Port based industries. Liaison with various authorities to redress the grievances of Port users especially importers and exporters is being done at higher levels. KoPT is very much willing to help Small Scale Industries to set up their establishments near the Port area in mutual interest of growth. KoPT's image is changing in the recent times and there is customer friendly atmosphere at the Port. The Port has already achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> position amongst Indian Major Ports and working hard to become number one at the earliest.