

## **Cargo Commitments for Multimodal Terminal at Haldia**

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has received a commitment for transport of 5.92 million tons (MTs) of cargo volume per annum through the Multimodal Terminal at Haldia by the year 2018. This follows a series of consultations IWAI held at Haldia with various industries, firms, shipping lines, cargo operators, shippers and manufacturers. The main items for which commitments have been received are fly-ash, edible oil, vegetable oil, gypsum, etc. Fly-ash is expected to be the major cargo with a commitment of 3.8 MT followed by vegetable oil (0.63 MT), cement (0.36 MT), among others.

IWAI is to construct a Multimodal Terminal at Haldia under **Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP)** which is being implemented with the technical and financial support of the World Bank at a cost of Rs. 4200 crore for augmenting navigation on Haldia-Varanasi segment of the National Waterway-1. To construct the terminal, land measuring 61 acres has been taken on lease at Haldia Dock Complex from Kolkata Port Trust. The terminal is located in the Coastal Regulatory Zone and requires CRZ clearance from the West Bengal Coastal Zone Management Authority. Construction work of the terminal would commence soon after CRZ clearance is received.

In addition to Haldia, two Multimodal Terminals are being constructed under JMVP. Construction has commenced at the Varanasi terminal and Sahibganj terminal has been awarded on 14th Oct, 2016. The completion of JMVP would ensure commercial navigation of vessels with capacity of 1500-2,000 DWT Tonnage on National Waterway-1.

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