

KOLKATA – MAJOR PORT

KOLKATA IS THE OLDEST MAJOR PORT IN THE COUNTRY. THE CALCUTTA PORT WAS INITIALLY CONCEIVED TO PROMOTE & PROTECT THE BRITISH COLONIAL INTEREST. BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF FREEDOM IN 1947, THE PORT WAS CALLED UPON TO PLAY THE OPPOSITE ROLE TO CHAMPION THE NATIONAL CAUSE.

THE PORT WHICH WAS ONCE CONSIDERED THE MOST IMPORTANT PORT IN THE COUNTRY IS DETORATING FOR LAST MANY YEARS AND HAS NOT MODERNISED HER EQUIPMENT, DRAFT, ETC. THE ENTIRE EASTERN INDIA INCLUDING BIHAR & EASTERN UTTAR PRADESH AND THE TWO LAND LOCKED HIMALYAN KINGDOM OF NEPAL & BHUTAN IS BEING SERVED BY

KOLKATA IS 126 MILES AWAY FROM THE SEA AND HAS TWO DOCK SYSTEMS VIZ CALCUTTA DOCK SYSTEMS AT CALCUTTA WITH THE OIL WHARVES AT BAJ BAJ AND HALDIA DOCK COMPLEX AT HALDIA. THE PORT'S TOTAL ARRAY OF FACILITIES CAN BE GROUPED INTO FIVE LOCATIONAL SETS. THESE ARE RIVER MOORINGS IN KIDDERPORE DOCKS (KDP) AND NETAJI SUBHAS DOCK (NSD) IN CALCUTTA, PETROLEUM WHARF AT BAJ BAJ, HALDIA DOCK COMPLEX (HDC) AND SAGAR ANCHORAGE. OF THESE THE FIRST THREE ARE GROUPED UNDER THE NOMENCLATURE OF CALCUTTA DOCK SYSTEMS (CDS)

KPD - 18 BERTHS + 6 BOUY MOORINGS + 3 DRY DOCKS
NSD - 14 BERTHS + 2 BOUY MOORINGS + 2 DRY DOCKS
BAJ BAJ RIVER MOORINGS – CONSISTS OF 6 PETROLEUM WHARVES

RESTRICTIONS FOR VESSELS CALLING CALCUTTA

LOA - 172 METERS
BEAM - 24 METERS
DRAFT - AS PER FORECAST OF THE MONTH

THE DIAMOND HARBOUR ANCHORAGE IS ALSO UNDER THE JURISDICTION & CONTROL OF KOLKATA PORT AND DRAFTS AVAILABLE AT DIAMOND HARBOR ARE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN KOLKATA. THIS IS A VERY CLAM ANCHORAGE AREA ESPECIALLY DURING GOOD WEATHER AND OFTEN THE SHIP'S WITH PULSES AND LOGS ARE DISCHARGED HERE.

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