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All Members of CEPC.

Sub.: **“International North-South corridor (INSTC)”**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Department of Commerce, Govt. of India informed that India, Russia and Iran has taken an important initiative “International North-South corridor (INSTC)” to promote transportation cooperation and to enhance their connectivity with the Central Asian countries. Presently, 13 countries namely, India, Iran, Russia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Belarus, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Oman, Ukraine and Syria are members of the INSTC. Bulgaria has observer status.

The INSTC is a Multi-Modal Trade Transport network connecting India with Central Asian & Eurasia countries and envisages movement of goods from Mumbai to Bandar Abbas by sea, from Bandar Abbas to Bandar-e-Anzali (an Iranian port on the Caspian Sea) by road, from Bandar-e-Anzali to Astrakhan (a Caspian port in the Russian Federation) by ship and from Astrakhan to other regions of the Russian Federation by Russian railways. The INSTC has the capacity of 20-30 million tons of goods per year. An MoU was signed on 30.01.2019 between Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) and Russian Railways (RZD Logistics) whereby the CONCOR would be the single window facilitator between Indian destination to Iranian ports while RZD Logistics would be the counterpart for the segment between Iranian ports and Russian destinations.

The above initiative will save the time and transportation cost of Members for sending their goods to the Central Asian Countries. Members are advised to make note of the above and make use of the facilities and accordingly intimate us so that we may inform to concern authority.

To assess the availability of the onward/ return cargo, and the take holistic stock of the all the requirements to launch the commercial run, it has been decided to have a VC on 3rd March, 2021 at 11:30 AM, those Members who are having exports in Central Asian Countries are requested to kindly contact the CEPC by 18th February, 2021 for attending the above meeting.

Regards,


16/2/2021

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Executive Director