

**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

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**TRADE CIRCULAR - 1664**

Sub: Delay in commencement of cargo handling operations after berthing of vessels- Delay in display of readiness for sailing/shifting of vessels after completion of cargo handling operations- Increase in the idle time of vessels at berths – adverse impact on Key Vessel Performance Indicators (KPI) of VPA – Abnormal deviation in the KPI targets fixed by Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, in respect of VPA - Reg.

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The Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW) reviews the performance of Major Ports based on the following Key Vessels Performance Indicators (KPI).

S.No	Key Performance Indicator (KPI)
1	Cargo Traffic Volume
2	Avg. Pre Berthing Detention (PBD)
3	Avg. Turn Round Time (TRT)
4	Output per Ship Berth Day (OSBD)
5	Idle Time at Berth

The role of Vessel Agents, Stevedores, CHA's and the BOT/PPP facilities play a major role in the above performance parameters. Off late, it is observed that considerable time is lost in terms of pre-commencement and post completion periods wherein abnormally high time is taken for commencement of cargo handling operations after berthing of vessels and similar delay is also being observed for display of shifting/sailing readiness after completion of cargo handling operations. The above delays significantly contribute to the increase in the **IDLE TIME OF VESSEL AT BERTH**, which in turn increases the **TURN ROUND TIME (TRT)**, of vessels thereby reducing the **OUTPUT per SHIP BERTH DAY(OSBD)**.

The above parameters are the key factors which decides the performance ranking of VPA amongst Major Ports and therefore all concerned are hereby requested to ensure commencement of cargo handling operations immediately after berthing of vessels and also to immediately display shifting/sailing readiness after completion of cargo handling operations.

The above shall facilitate in quick turn round of vessels at the port, which in turn facilitates availability of berths and reduction of Pre-Berthing Detention(PBD) to vessels at Port anchorage thus enabling a **"Win-Win"** situation for all agencies concerned as well as the port.

In view of the above, all concerned are requested to ensure seamless coordination for reducing the pre and post completion delays of vessels handled at VPA and its BOT/PPP facilities.

  
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