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To
ALL INDIA FORUM AGAINST
PRIVATIZATION (AIFAP)

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Respected Sir,

Sub: Privatization of Major Ports in the Country – Regarding

It is known fact that there are 13 Major Ports in India, and 12 are by Government and one is a Private Port in Mundra, Gujarat that belongs to Adani. It is a matter of grave concern that 3,000 Kgs of Heroin worth 21,000 Crores was found in the two Containers in that single Private Port of Adani recently. Actually this gigantic magnitude of drugs case occurred in the Private Port and not at all in Government Ports. And as of now the move of the Government is to privatize more and more Government Ports that would only facilitate more private players like Adani to own them and obviously those Ports in turn would become Addas for smuggling Drugs which is a dangerous trend.

Without doubt Privatization of Major Ports in the Country is absolutely detrimental to the overall growth and development of Nation as a whole. It is pertinent to emphasize the realistic scenario that the Government owned Ports have time and again responded and reacted positively in critical situations whenever and wherever there is a threat to disturb the peace and harmony in the country by the divisive forces.

I would recall one particular incident when the then Prime Minister Smt. INDIRA GANDHI when there was a proposal to privatize the major ports in the country during her tenure, a Meeting was held with all the Leaders of various Trade Union Federations and on hearing the views expressed, the Prime Minister on reviewing and re-examining the matter dropped the proposal in the interests and security of the Nation. Similarly the same situation again occurred when Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee was the Prime Minister of India, and he too gave due weightage to the views and opinions expressed by the Federation Leaders and accordingly the proposal was deferred.

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Hence, taking into deep consideration the past experience and more importantly the security of the Nation stands first and foremost for any Government irrespective of any Political Party at the helm of affairs, the Government should strictly keep its pride and ego away and arrive at a just and judicious decision to protect all the Major Ports and ensure that it is not kept in the hands of private entrepreneurs.

Further, experience and reality taught us that the concept of Public Private Partnership concept failed not only to ensure the desired result but also landed in litigation and arbitration issues between the Government and the Private parties thereby both the parties are fighting for their rights and responsibilities at various judicial forums.

There is always a way out to find out a better solution for the issue rather than the move to opt for Privatization and if the move is not re-considered undoubtedly it would be at the stake of the security of the Country which cannot be compromised at any stage.

Therefore, the need of the Hour and the ultimate call for the Government is that

STOP PRIVATIZATION OF MAJOR PORTS AND SAVE THE NATION

Yours faithfully,



(V.V.SATYANARAYANA)

JOINT SECRETARY

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