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Commerce Ministry releases draft national logistics policy for logistics sector growth

Apart from setting up a separate fund and a single-window e-marketplace, the draft policy also suggested setting up of a National Council for Logistics which will be chaired by the Prime Minister.

The commerce ministry has proposed several measures such as setting up a separate fund, single-window e-marketplace and law to define the role of various stakeholders, as part of the draft national logistics policy released on Wednesday.

The policy aimed at integrating and optimising various elements of a logistics value chain, to ensure seamless, multi-modal growth of an efficient logistics sector in the country. The ministry has sought views of stakeholders by February 19.



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Cargo traffic handled by major ports up 3.11 per cent in April-January

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Major ports of the country together handled 578.86 Million Tonnes (MT) of cargo during April-January 2019, representing a growth of 3.11 per cent, an official statement said on Tuesday.

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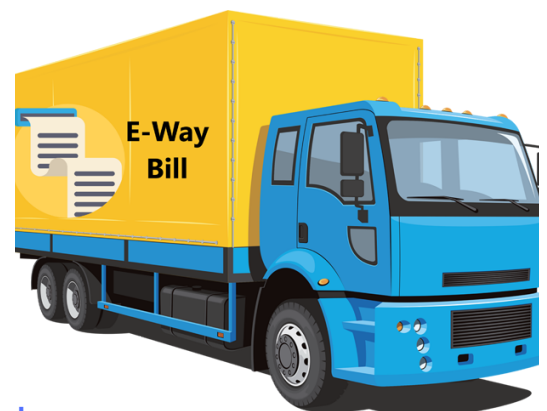
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E-way bill to be integrated with NHAI's FASTag to track GST evasion from April

The GST e-way bill system is likely to be integrated with NHAI's FASTag mechanism from April to help track movement of goods and check GST evasion.

The revenue department has set up an officers committee to integrate e-way bill, FASTag and DMIC's Logistics Data Bank (LDB) services, after consultation with transporters.

"It has come to our notice that some transporters are doing multiple trips by generating a single e-way bill. Integration of e-way bill with FASTag would help find the location of the vehicle and when and how many times it has crossed NHAI's toll plazas," the official said



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Emerging technologies shaping the future of logistics in India

Today, the transformations that India is going through can be witnessed across all walks of life. Our industries are getting modernized as relevant automation and tech-adoption are increasing their throughput while also improving efficiency. Looking at the larger picture, this development is adding to the market visibility and that of across-the-board processes.

This ongoing transformation is perhaps the best for our logistics sector, which was earlier infamous for complicated processes, bottlenecks, and a near-absolute opacity. So, let us have a look at the emerging technologies that are changing the sector for good and driving it towards the future.

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India to get an integrated logistics plan soon: Prabhu

India is set to become a destination for cheaper exports and imports, and to boost India's cost-effectiveness, the government would formulate a new logistics vision soon, Suresh Prabhu, minister of commerce & industries and civil aviation, said on Tuesday.

"We will have an integrated logistics plan document. In fact, the draft is ready and soon people will log on to a logistics portal, where many issues will be properly addressed," said Prabhu, after attending a workshop on National Integrated Logistics Plan, organised by the department of commerce.

Prabhu said that the logistics plan will be implemented as soon as possible to help improve India's image of having high cost and inefficient logistics set up. "We are working on it and I am sure that once it is done India's major challenge of high cost of logistics and very low efficiency in logistics despite having so many ministries dealing with it, will be addressed," he added.

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India has potential for marine transport, infra a big deterrent

With over 7,000 km of coastline, India has a big potential for marine transport, but the lack of infrastructure is a major obstacle, a British businessman of Indian origin who has a major stake in the sector, has said.

"It was 15 years back that I wanted to build a marina in India, but 10 years ago the permission got cancelled (in the wake of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack). At that time I did see huge potential...India has over 7,800 km of coastline and sadly there are no marinas," Gulu Lalvani, Chairman of the Royal Phuket Marina, that combines luxury waterfront living with a state-of-the-art marina told IANS.

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