

High Level Visit to Birgunj ICP led by Hon. Matrika Prasad Yadav, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies

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A team led by Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav has visited and observed the facilities built in Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Sirsiya, Birgunj on April 2, 2018. This ICP was constructed under the financial and technical cooperation of the Government of India. The Agreement was signed between the Government of Nepal and the Government of India on August 3, 2005 to build four ICPs including at Birgunj. The Construction of Birgunj ICP was started on July, 2010 and completed on March, 2018. The Government of India officially handed over this ICP to the the Government of Nepal on March 25, 2018. It has been planned to inaugurate the ICP before mid-April of this year and bring it operational officially.

The ICP provides all the necessary services pertaining to the movements of passengers as well as goods to immigration and customs clearance within a single premise. It covers various facilities and services including warehousing, handling, parking yard, security, quarantine post, banking etc.

During the visit, Minister Yadav witnessed the facilities available in the ICP at Nepal side as well as in India side. This followed a brief interaction meeting at ICP meeting hall with all stakeholders. At the outset of this meeting, Executive Director of Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board Mr. Laxman Bahadur Basnet welcomed to the Hon'ble Minister for Industry, Commerce and Supplies Mr. Matrika Prasad Yadav; Commerce Secretary Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; Supplies Secretary Mr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; His Excellency Ambassador of India to Nepal Majeev Singh Puri and to all other distinguished guests attending the meeting. On this occasion, a brief presentation was made regarding the ICP Birgunj and available physical facilities. During the programme, Minister Yadav instructed to Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board (NITDB) and to all other concerned authorities to make all the preparatory works final within April 5th and start it's operation as soon as possible. Hon'ble Minister also expressed his gratefulness to the Government of India for providing financial and technical assistance required in constructing such an important infrastructure with a view to facilitating Nepal's international trade.



Meeting with all stakeholders at ICP Birgunj

During the visit, Minister Yadav and his team members inspected all physical facilities at the Inland Clearance Depot (ICD) Birgunj and also visited the ICD shed being constructed by NITDB under the financial assistance of the World Bank. Minister

Yadav also visited the Birgung-Pathalayia industrial corridor, Petroleum Pipe Line Project site at Amlekhgunj and other infrastructure facilities which are under construction.

On this occasion Commerce Secretary, Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire instructed to all concerned authorities that the preparatory works should be completed within the stipulated time so that ICP can be operationalized within mid-April of this year. He also added that this project is going to bring milestone changes in the history of trade and transit relationships between Nepal and India and will set an example for other ICPs which are under construction in Biratnagar, Bhairawa and Nepalgunj. He further stated that this project will facilitate Nepal's trade with India and rests of the world. Likewise, H.E. Ambassador of India Manjeev Singh Puri mentioned that he was happy to witness this programme together with Hon'ble Minister and also thanked to all stakeholders for their contributions in materializing this project successfully. His Excellency Puri requested to the concerned Nepali authorities to start the ICP on a trial basis in the beginning and then bring it into full operation as early as possible.



Hon'ble Minister Yadav is observing the ICD shed at Birgunj

The observation team comprised of Commerce Secretary Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; Supplies Secretary Mr. Anil Kumar Thakur, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies; His Excellency Ambassador of India to Nepal Majeew Singh Puri; Executive Director of Nepal Intermodal Transport Development Board Mr. Laxman Bahadur Basnet; Director General of Department of Customs Mr. Jagadish Regmi; Mr. Binod Prakash Singh, Chief District Officer of District Administration Office Parsa; Mr. Bijaya Kumar Manandhar, Chief District Officer, District Administration Office Bara; Mr. B. C. Pradhan, Consul General of India Birgunj and other representatives from concerned stakeholders and business communities.