

1.1 This is the twenty Ninth Administration Report of Tuticorin Port Trust covering the financial year 2007-08 and presented to the Central Government as required under Section 106 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.

1.2 Shri N.K. Raghupathy, I.A.S. continued as the Chairman upto 28.7.2007 and Shri K. Suresh, I.A.S. Chairman i/c from 28.07.2007 of the Board of Trustees during the year.

1.3 Five Ordinary Meetings and one special meeting of the Board of Trustees were held during the year.

1.4 The Port handled a traffic of 214.80 lakh tonnes of cargo as against 180.01 lakh tonnes in the previous year.

1.5 The financial results of the Port for the past two years are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	2007-08	2006-07
Operating income	195.35	183.01
Operating expenditure	74.76	68.97
Operating surplus	120.59	114.04
Add: Finance & Miscellaneous income	29.69	28.73
Less: Finance & Miscellaneous expenditure	34.68	29.32
Net surplus	115.60	113.45

1.6 Important events/achievements during the year under report are:

1. 4,50,398 TEUs were handled by the Port as against 3,77,102 TEUs handled in the previous year.
2. In order to improve the Traffic handling through the Port, anchorage handling has been initiated with effect from 10.08.2007. This facilitated the attraction of 14.52 MT draft vessels though the Port has only 10.9 MT draft. 23 ships have been handled at anchorage during the year 2007 - 2008.

2. Traffic

2.1 Cargo handled during the year was 214.80 lakh tonnes as against 180.01 lakh tonnes in the previous year. The imports during the year increased due to increase in the traffic of Containerised cargo, Industrial coal, Thermal coal, Urea, MOP, Gypsum, Timber Logs, Copper Concentrate, VCM, Sulphur, Phosphoric Acid and LPG etc. The exports during the year also increased due to increase in the handling of Construction Materials, Sulphuric Acid, Sugar(Raw),

Maize, Phosphoric Acid, Naptha, Copper Slag, Fly ash and Garnet Sand etc.

Details of traffic handled in the two zones of the port during the year are as below:-

(In Lakh

Tonnes)

	<i>Zone 'A'</i>	<i>Zone 'B'</i>	<i>Total 2007-08</i>	<i>Total 2006-07</i>
Import	154.39	0.33	154.72	135.02
Export	58.53	1.55	60.08	44.99
Total	212.92	1.88	214.80	180.01

2.3 Figures of Import & Export grouped as foreign and coastal cargo for the last four years are given below.

(In Lakh Tonnes)

<i>Year</i>	<i>Import</i>			<i>Export</i>		
	Foreign	Coastal	Total	Foreign	Coastal	Total
2004-05	60.24	60.36	120.60	36.65	0.86	37.51
2005-06	65.09	68.66	133.75	36.56	1.08	37.64
2006-07	76.95	58.07	135.02	43.02	1.97	44.99
2007-08	98.24	56.48	154.72	55.15	4.93	60.08

2.4.Imports:-

Imports went up during 2007-08 to 154.72 lakh tonnes from 135.02 lakh tonnes in the previous year. Commodity-wise import traffic during the current year and previous year with variations are given below:

(In Tonnes)

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Variations</i>
1	Coal and Coke	81,77,831	69,13,699	(+)12,64,132
2	Containerised cargo	27,53,288	15,67,230	(+)11,86,058
3	Copper Concentrate	12,20,040	11,80,816	(+)39,224
4	Timber Logs	5,23,188	4,51,916	(+)71,272
5	Fertilizer .Raw Materials	6,31,994	6,97,271	(-)65,277
6	Fertilizer	10,97,588	6,77,886	(+)4,19,702
7	Pulses	1,46,206	1,45,114	(+)1,092

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Variations</i>
8	Other Cargoes	9,21,388	18,68,601	(-)9,47,213
	Total	1,54,71,523	1,35,02,533	(+)19,68,990

2.5. Export:-Exports went up during 2007-08 to 60.08 lakh tonnes from 44.99 lakh tonnes handled in the previous year. Commodity-wise export traffic during 2007-08 and 2006-07 with variations are given below.
(In Tonnes)

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>Commodity</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>Variations</i>
1	Containerised Cargo	28,76,689	24,44,398	(+)432291
2	Granite Stone	3,30,484	4,53,379	(-)122895
3	Food Grains	2,61,429	54,345	(+)207084
4	Sugar	1,32,449	1,54,386	(-)21937
5	Ilmenite Sand	1,73,212	2,06,902	(-)33690
6	Construction Materials	8,63,710	5,14,341	(+)349369
7	Cargo by Barges	1,18,136	1,40,986	(-)22850
8	Salt	8,986	46,403	(-)37417
9	Other Cargoes	12,43,134	4,83,530	(+)759604
	Total	60,08,229	44,98,670	(+)15,09,559

2.6.Railway Traffic Railway operations are carried out by Southern Railways up to the Port Marshalling yard. Operations there from are carried out by the Port. The details of Railway traffic during the last four years are given below :

(In Lakh Tonnes)

	<i>2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
a) Shipping Operation	6.23	8.36	12.18	14.28
b)Private Use	7.90	5.26	4.97	0.16

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Total	14.13	13.62	17.15	14.44

2.7 Berth Occupancy:

The details of berth occupancy rates of alongside berths, Coal and Oil Jetties are furnished below: -

		2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
a)	Alongside berths	64 %	70%	73%	79%
b)	Coal Jetties	55%	64%	60%	67%
c)	Oil Jetty	29%	32%	27%	21%

Land marks in cargo handling:

1. On 22.05.2007, 9107 tonnes of Granite Stone was loaded to the vessel MV. Leeds Castle .
2. On 10.08.2007, a coal vessel MV. Elpidas' arrived with a draught of 12.46 meters and parcel size of 53,106 tonnes. - 8,720 tonnes of coal was lightered first time in the port (Zone A).
3. On 06-08-2007 10140 tonnes of Wheat in bulk was unloaded from the vessel MV. Emperor .
4. On 08.10.2007 a Dun peas vessel MV. BEI HAI arrived with a draught of 11.45 meters - 5092 tonnes of dun peas was lightered .
5. On 11.11.2007 ever biggest PANAMAX coal vessel MV.COSTAL PRIDE with the length of 230 metres, carrying 69,950 tonnes of industrial coal with a draught of 13.80 meters., 23,097 tonnes of coal was lightened. This is the highest tonnage handled at anchorage operation in Tuticorin Port.
6. On 08-12-2007 14,570 tonnes of MOP was unloaded from the vessel MV POS KNIGHT .
7. On 27-12-2007 , 20,069 tonnes of copper concentrate was unloaded from the vessel MV.KANG QIANG .
8. Tuticorin Port has handled 20.66 lakh tonnes of cargo during the month of January 2008. This is the ever highest tonnage of cargo handled in the port so far in a single month.
9. Tuticorin Port container terminal has handled 40,213 TEUs. of containers for the month January, 2008 . This is the highest number of TEUs handled so far in a single month (.)
10. On 16.02.2008, 1,13,377 tonnes of cargo was handled in Tuticorin Port Trust . This is the highest quantity of cargo handled in a single day so far in the port.
11. Tuticorin Port Trust has crossed the container traffic target fixed by the government in container traffic of 4.08 lakh TEUs for the year 2007-08 on 03-03-2008 by handling 4,09,024 TEUs.
12. Tuticorin Port has crossed 20 million mark on 10.03.2008 by handling 20.07 million tonnes of cargo by registering a growth of 20.03 % . The year ended 31.3.2008 witnessed a total traffic of 21.4MT

registering a growth of 19.33%

13. Tuticorin Port has crossed the traffic target of 20.385 million tonnes set by the government during the 1st on 14.03.2008, 16 days ahead of the end of financial year(.)

3. SHIPPING

3.1 Vessels handled :

During the year 1602 vessels were handled. The number of vessels handled in the past five years are given below:

YEAR	NO. OF VESSELS			GRT in Million tonnes
	FOREIGN	COASTAL	TOTAL	
2003-2004	1317	200	1517	15.36
2004-2005	1284	195	1479	16.80
2005-2006	1360	216	1576	18.67
2006-2007	1329	204	1533	19.71
2007-2008	1423	179	1602	19.34

3.2 The details of Pilotage movements during the last five years are given below: -

YEAR	NO. OF MOVEMENTS			TOTAL
	INWARD	OUTWARD	SHIFTING	
2003-2004	1526	1530	158	3214
2004-2005	1528	1497	278	3303
2005-2006	1636	1625	166	3427
2006-2007	1585	1576	269	3430
2007-2008	1655	1623	689	3967

4. Finance

4.1. **Income:** The operating income was Rs.195.35cr compared to Rs. 183.01cr. in the previous

year. The Finance & Miscellaneous income was Rs. 29.69 cr. against Rs. 28.73 cr. in the previous year.

4.2. **Expenditure:** The operating expenditure was Rs. 74.76 cr. compared to Rs. 68.97 cr. in the previous year. The Finance & Miscellaneous expenditure was Rs. 34.68 cr. against Rs. 29.32 cr. in the previous year.

4.3. **Working results:**

The gross operating surplus was Rs.120.59 cr. compared to Rs.114.04 cr. in the previous year. After adjusting Finance & miscellaneous income and expenditure, the net surplus before tax was Rs. 115.60 cr. against Rs. 113.45 cr. in the previous year. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 8.45 crores was provided for deferred tax liability. Rs. 27.51 cr and Rs.0.22 cr were paid for Income Tax and Fringe Benefit Tax respectively resulting in Net Surplus after Tax of Rs. 79.42 crores. The remaining funds along with adequate withdrawals from reserves were utilised for contributions to earmarked funds and reserves and amortization of loans.

4.4. **Capital expenditure:**

Capital expenditure on developmental schemes was Rs.45.47 cr. Out of this Rs. 43.56 cr. was for Capital Plan schemes and Rs. 1.91cr for Capital Non-Plan schemes. The entire capital expenditure was met from the reserves maintained by the Port. In addition, an amount of Rs. 9.15crores have been paid as equity contribution to M/s. Sethusamudram Corporation Ltd.

4.5. **Capital debts:**

i) **Loan from IDBI :** The Loan obtained from IDBI on 18.01.2005 was Rs. 182.07 cr. After repayment the outstanding as on 31.3.2008 was Rs. 97.57 cr.

4.6. **Performance indicators:**

(Rs. in crores)

	2007-08	2006-07
Return on capital:		
8 Gross operating surplus	120.59	114.04
Capital employed	440.76	494.75
Rate of return	27.36%	23.05%
Current ratio:		
Current assets	123.52	96.34

	2007-08	2006-07
Current liabilities	145.29	74.44
Current assets to current liabilities	0.85	1.29
<i>Current assets to total assets:</i>		
Current assets	123.52	96.34
Total assets	1261.78	1092.51
Current assets to total assets (%)	9.79	8.82
<i>Operating ratio:</i>		
Operating expenditure	74.76	68.97
Operating income	195.35	183.01
Operating expr. to operating income (%)	38.27	37.68

5. *Quality Management system under ISO 9001:2000*

The Quality Management System established under ISO 9002:1996 in February, 1996 was upgraded under ISO 9001:2000 on 23rd April, 2003. The renewal Certificate is valid up to 28th March, 2009. The Port administrative system had improved considerably due to implementation of ISO Quality Management System. During the year 2007-2008, Port was paying special attention to improve customer satisfaction and continual improvement. A feed-back survey was also conducted in September, 2007 among the user community (external customers) as well as internal customers and the level of satisfaction was found to be high. Efforts were also made by the Port to the possible extent to improve customer satisfaction by conducting Berthing Committee Meeting on all working days and Port Users meeting was conducted once in two months. The suggestions made by the customers were implemented wherever possible. During the year 2007-08, two internal audits were carried out in June, 2007 and November, 2007 by the Port Internal Auditors. Surveillance Audit in the new standard ISO 9001:2000 was conducted by IRQS in March, 2008 and recommended for continuation of the certificate.

Environment Management System under ISO 14001:2004

In order to improve the environment of the Port, implementation of EMS (Environmental Management System) conforming to ISO 14001 was started as early as in July, 2003. New EMS Policy was approved and released by Chairman on 05.02.2005. Initial Environmental Review carried out by engaging external Agency was communicated to all HODs on 14.05.2004.

The quality of ambient air, water and noise is checked every three months and corrective and preventive actions were taken promptly where the result was more than the permissible limit.

During the year 2007-08, two internal audits were carried out in June, 2007 and November, 2007 by the Port Internal Auditors so as to ensure effectiveness of the Environmental Management System. As part of the programme to improve the performance of the environment, the Port has planned to provide new Sewage Treatment Plant, Water Sprinkling System, Oil boom, etc. Surveillance Audit in the standard ISO 14001:2004 was conducted by IRQS in August, 2007 and recommended for continuation of the certificate.

6. Capital Plan Schemes :

6.1. FORMATION OF NEW ROADS.

The Road borne cargo traffic through Tuticorin Port is increasing every year. To cope up with the increasing trend, the Port's prime and service roads need to be suitably widened and strengthened with the establishment of a good traffic regulatory system.

Board accorded approval in its meeting held on 31.05.2006 and work order issued was on 25.10.06 for an amount of Rs. 16.83. The Period of completion of this work is 12 months. Work commenced on 08-11-06. In North South road Dr. Ambedkar road, South Breakwater approach arm road, VOC road for TTPS roundana to Green gate laying of DBM and Bituminous concrete completed. Road work is in progress between Check Post and western boundary of VOC road. An amount of Rs.14.14crores has been incurred upto 31.3.2008.

6.2) OPTIMISATION OF INNER HARBOUR -- CONSTRUCTION OF BERTH NO.9.

Based on the report submitted by IITM, Chennai, an estimate has been prepared for Rs. 40.00 crores. Work order has been issued to M/S. ITD Cementation India Ltd., Kolkatta on 17.11.06. Period of completion is 15 months. Work has been commenced on 2.12.06. Pile foundation with RCC deck for 334.5m x 29.10m completed. An amount of Rs.29.17 Crores has been incurred upto 31.03.2008.

6.3) CAPITAL DREDGING PROJECT TO 12.8 MT DRAFT:

PIB sent to Ministry on 24.12.2007. PIB meeting held on 25.02.2008. PIB Committee recommended the Project for CCEA clearance. Ministry's approval sought for the Project at an estimate cost of Rs.538.00 Crores of which Rs.349.70 Crores is to be borne by Tuticorin Port Trust either from its internal resources and / or borrowings and Rs. 188.30 Crores is sought from Government of India as Government grant. Period of completion is 14 months from the date of commencement.

In the mean time Port has taken up the Dredging the dock basin in front of Berth No.9 to cater to 10.70m draught vessel at an estimated cost of Rs.40.00 Crores. the Board in its meeting held on 04.02.2008 accorded approval for award of work to M/s. Dharti Dredging and Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad. Work order issued on 07.03.2008

6.4) REPLACEMENT OF OLD WHARF CRANE AT BERTH NO. I & II:

TPT Board has accorded approval for the re-tender during its meeting held on 30.09.2006. The tenders were opened on 03.01.2007. Price bid were opened on 19.03.2007. Based on the Board's approval during its meeting held on 06.07.2007, purchase order issued to M/s. Mukand Ltd., Thane for the supply of 1 No 6-T and 1 No 10-T Hook ELL wharf cranes including tax, critical insurance spares and three maintenance contract etc at a cost of Rs.12.19 Crores on 01.08.2007. The firm has furnished Bank Guarantee towards performance security on 31.08.2007. The agreement was signed on 29.09.2007. Work commenced on 01.08.2007 and in progress. Anticipated date of supply of equipment is 31.01.2009. Tendering is in process for the Procurement of 1 No. 10T ELL HOOK crane.

6.5) USAGE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ON OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:

During the year 2007, nearly 182 Pentium dual core personal computers and accessories were purchased and installed in various departments on 10.05.2007 at a total cost of Rs.73 lakhs. A Web server, mail server and accessories were purchased and installed on 30.01.2008 at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs for e-booking and EDI transmission to Banks through 512 kbps leased line Internet Service from M/s.BSNL at a annual rental charge of Rs.5,04,340/-. CISCO layer 3 chassis based modular switch with accessories were purchased at a cost of Rs.18 lakhs and installed on 31.12.2007 to establish network connectivity at Port area.

7. Port maintenance

7.1. *The berths and jetties, breakwaters, railway sidings, sheds, warehouses, pipelines, cargo handling gears, other installations and structures are also maintained by the Port. Buildings including office complex, residential buildings and road infrastructure facilities are maintained to the required standards. Water supply, drainage and sewerage system, road and plantations in the Port area are also maintained in good condition. The harbour colony area including internal roads is maintained to the required standards.*

8. Port Fire Service

8.1. The Port Fire Service has a strength of 86 trained personnel and engaged on various fire duties. There are two water tenders, two foam tenders, one trailer pump, three Ejector pumps, Three portable pumps and one high expansion generator under the custody of Port fire service. The Port Fire Service attended 1 Major, 2 Medium and 110 Minor fire call in the Port area during the period from 1.04.2007 to 31.03.2008.

9. Port Meteorological Observatory:

The meteorological parameters were recorded at the observatory and all the recorded charts of the previous month were sent to the Regional Meteorological Centre, Chennai at the beginning of the succeeding month. Two weather telegrams at 08.30 hrs. and 17.30 hrs. are sent daily to India Meteorological Department apart from the weather telegrams, the daily Meteorological observations are updated in the Port website through EDP. The India Meteorological Department assess the whole year data and had adjudged this Port observatory as 'EXCELLENT' on all India basis for the 20th consecutive years. The last one was received in the year 2005. As a part of modernisation of the Meteorological observatory, the India Meteorological Department had installed the Automatic Weather Station(AWS) at the observatory premises which records the Meteorological parameters and is connected to RMC via satellite.

In Tidal Section, Acoustic Tide Gauge (ATG) has been installed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) on behalf of Survey of India which is not in working condition at present. The pressure Tide Gauge (PTG) was also installed in the TG cabin, which is in working condition. As a whole, two tide antenna installed in the Tide Gauge Cabins are in working conditions. The VSAT antenna was installed at the TG cabins for the transmission of TIDAL data to the SOI, Dehradun, on real time basis with GPS Data is at present not in working condition due to setting of coat dust, In the conventional TG, Cabin by surget of India during May `08 on trial basis.

10. Staff

10.1. The particulars of staff strength, salaries and wages paid during the last three years are given below:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
1	Strength of staff (There are no departmental shore labour)	1293	1219	1197
2	Salaries & wages - Rs. in crores	25.11	27.91	32.54
3	Productivity linked reward - Rs. in crores	0.76	0.74	0.74
4	Number of pensioners	1431	1488	1513
5	Pension / gratuity payments - Rs. in crores	8.35	12.22	10.34

10.2. The employment position of Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes employees among the total staff as on 31.3.2008 is furnished below:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Staff strength</i>	<i>Scheduled castes</i>	<i>Scheduled tribes</i>	<i>%</i>
1	Class I	69	20	2	32
2	Class II	53	9	4	25
3	Class III	693	171	46	13
4	Class IV	382	119	32	40
	Total:	1197	319	84	34

10.3. **Tuticorin Port Trust Cargo Handling Labour Pool:**

Tuticorin Port Trust Cargo Handling Labour Pool is a body of cargo handling labourers presently functioning under the management of Tuticorin Port Trust. The total strength of workers as on 31.3.2008 is 1062. Categorywise breakup is given below:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2006</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2007</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2008</i>
1	Administrative staff	57	55	48

<i>No.</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2006</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2007</i>	<i>Strength as on 31.3.2008</i>
2	On Board Supervisor	36	33	27
3	Tally clerks	122	120	105
4	Hatch Tindal	86	59	46
5	Winchman	172	171	163
6	Signalman	99	98	83
7	Mazdoor	657	652	590
	Total:	1229	1188	1062

11. Training

11.1. During the year 937 employees were given training in various disciplines.

11.2. Training was imparted to 95 workers of TPT Cargo Handling Labour Pool on Safety.

12. Implementation of official language policy and programmes:

12.1. Official Language policy and programmes were implemented as per the instructions of the Government. Action was taken to implement Section 3(3) of the Official Languages Act, 1963. Letters received in Hindi were replied in Hindi. Regulations and reports were prepared in Hindi as well as in English.

12.2. Hindi day was celebrated on 24th September, 2007. To encourage employees to work in Hindi in their day to day office work, two Hindi workshops were organised from 18th June, 2007 to 20th June, 2007 and 28th January, 2008 to 30th January, 2008.

12.3. The Statement showing the number of employees appeared and passed for the Hindi examination, are given below:-

Name of Examination	May, 2007		November, 2007	
	Appeared	Passed	Appeared	Passed
Prabodth	16	8	19	18
Praveen	4	4	3	2
Pragya	3	3	3	3

13. Accidents & safety measures

13.1. There were 9 accidents during the year and the accidents occurred in the wharf and transit areas.

13.2. Adequate training is imparted to the employees of the Port as well as to the workers of the Tuticorin Port Trust Cargo Handling Labour Pool. The workers in the field are given required safety gears.

14. Medical services

14.1 The Port has a 62 bedded full-fledged hospital in the Harbour Estate. A self contained Dispensary is also functioning at Tuticorin town 8 kms away from the hospital to meet the needs of employees and their families at Tuticorin town. First aid centres are also run in the Dock area. Five Ambulances are made available round the clock at important centres in the Port area.

14.2. Both the hospital and dispensary are manned by qualified medical professionals of various specialities. The services of the hospital are extended to 247 number of CISF personnel and their family members also free of cost. The services are extended to those retired employees and their spouses. The medical services are also extended to employees of various Government Departments, bodies etc., like Customs, Coast Guard, Poompuhar Shipping Corporation, Mercantile Marine Department, Tuticorin Port Educational Agency and Tuticorin Port Canteen, on payment of charges. During the year 2007-08 nearly 1.23 lakhs patients were treated in the Port Hospital and the Dispensary. Periodical medical examination of workers were conducted.

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Port Hospital</i>		<i>Dispensary at Tuticorin town</i>	
	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>
1. Out patients	88,313	65,364	59,066	55,306
2. In-patients	3,807	2,232	-	-

14.3. National Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme was held on 06.01.2008 and 10.02.2008. Totally 712 children were administered polio drops.

14.4. Port Hospital and Port Dispensary have been brought under ISO 9001-2000 (QMS) and ISO 14001 - 2004(EMS)

15. Welfare of physically handicapped employees

15.1. Orders of the Government on benefits and concessions to the disabled persons in service were extended to the disabled employees. Fifteen posts have been identified for 3 % reservation in

Group III and Group IV posts and the total number of persons with disabilities appointed as per the reservation is 42. All eligible disabled employees are paid transport reimbursement at the rate of Rs. 360/- per month.

16. Welfare measures

16.1. Foundation day is being celebrated every year. For 2007 - 08, the day has been celebrated on 31.07.2007 in which 20 Port users have been honoured for better performance. For employees a cell phone has been given in recognition of increased traffic handled in 2006-07.

16.2. Family Security Fund:

The scheme covers all the employees of the Port and provides for a lumpsum payment of Rs. 20,000 in the case of death and Rs. 15,000 in the case of incapacitation. The subscription rate is fixed at Rs. 4/- per month upto the age of 25 years and Rs. 5 per month after the age of 25 years. In case of retirees, the entire subscription made by them to the fund is refunded. The expenditure from the fund on account of the above was Rs. 1.86 lakhs.

16.3. Employees (HBA) Special Family Benefit Fund:

The fund is for liquidating the undischarged liability towards the house building advance including the interest due from the employees who die in harness, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs per employee. Subscription ranges from Rs. 35 to Rs. 80 per month per employee based on the loan availed.

16.4. Educational institutions:

In order to meet the educational needs of the children of the employees of the Port, the following schools are run by the Tuticorin Port Educational Agency established by the Port Trust under the Tamil Nadu Recognised Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 1974.

- i. Harbour Nursery School
- ii. J.I.Coil Pillai Memorial Harbour Primary School
- iii. J.I.Coil Pillai Memorial Harbour Higher Secondary School
- iv. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Harbour Matriculation School

An amount of Rs. 66.00 lakhs has been sanctioned as financial assistance to the

Educational Agency by the Tuticorin Port Trust during the year 2007-2008 for meeting the expenditure in running the schools over and above the aid granted by the Government of Tamil Nadu. The agency runs a Typewriting Institute for boys and girls of Bharathi Nagar.

17.4. Tuticorin Port Sports Council:

The Tuticorin Port Sports Council was formed with the object of promoting sports and games among the staff of the Port. The Port's teams participated in the inter-Port and other open tournaments with creditable success. The Port is rendering a financial assistance of Rs. 7.00 lakhs to the Port Sports Council to meet the various expenditure for sports activities.

Some of the achievements during the year are given below:

Basketball:

Winners - *All India Major Ports Basket ball Tournament held at Visakhapatnam from 13.4.2007 to 15.4.2007*

Winners - All India Major Ports basket Ball Tournament held at tuticorin Port from 27.3..2008 to 29.3.2008

Hockey:

Winners - All India Major Ports Hockey Tournament held at Tuticorin from 7.2.2008 to 9.2.2008

Beach Volley Ball:

Winners - All India Major Ports Beach Volley Ball Tournament held at Paradip from 11.2.2008 to 13.2.2008

16.5. Welfare Club:

The Bharathi Nagar Welfare Club looks after the cultural, recreational and welfare needs of the Port staff. Hindi film is also screened at free of cost. The club runs a library for the residents of Port colony and an amount of Rs. 5,000 is sanctioned to the club to procure books.

16.6. Merit Scholarship to children of employees:

A scheme for award of Merit scholarship for higher education and lumpsum payment towards cost of books to the meritorious children of the officers and employees has been introduced from the year 1986-87 and an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs was disbursed during 2007-08

16.7. Tuticorin Port Canteen:

To cater to the needs of all the employees, users and visitors, canteens are run by a Canteen

Management Committee constituted by the Port. During the year, an amount of Rs. 50,000/- was granted per month by the Port to the committee to purchase provisions and to meet the salary of the employees. An additional amount of Rs. 25,000/- also granted from the Port.

16.8. Presentation of memento to retired employees:

A wrist watch is presented to the retiring staff of the Port as memento from 1986 onwards.

16.9. The following advances are given to the employees. The amount given during the year is shown below:

Rs. in lakhs

i. Advance for building houses	:	15.10
ii. Advance for purchase of computers	:	6.15
iii. Advance for purchase of conveyance	:	25.56
iv. Festival advance	:	46.58
v. Marriage advance (Paid from Welfare Fund):		2.10

16.10. Assistance to families of employees who die in harness:

A financial assistance of Rs. 2,500 for normal death and Rs. 5,000/- for death occurred due to accident is sanctioned to dependent of the Port to meet out the funeral expenses.

16.11. Industrial relations:

The industrial relations in the Port were cordial during the year.

16.12. Security:

The Central Industrial Security Force with a strength of 221 personnel headed by a Deputy Commandant is looking after the security of the Port.

17. Distinguished visitors to the Port :

1. A delegation consisting of Mr. Ian Quiton, Chirman, Ms Karen Oldfield, President and CEO of Halifax Port Authority, Canada Visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 23.5.07.
2. 10 Member delegation of western Australian Coal Futures Group of the Western Australian State Government Visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 29.5.2007.
3. Mr.W.G.Samaratunga, Sri Lanka Ports Authority visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 8.10.2007.
4. Hon'ble Minister of state for Law and Justice, Government of India Shri.K.Venkatapathy, visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 14.11.2007.
5. Shri.L.K.Tripathy,I.A.S, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 2.12.2007.
6. Shri.Alian Poussier, Port of Le Harve Authority, France, visited Tuticorin Port Trust on 16.03.2008.

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