

Dissemination Workshop

Ease of Trading Across Borders: The Status of Land Ports in India

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 | 04:00 – 05:30 PM

Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), New Delhi

Background and Context

Trade facilitation initiatives by the LPAI are helping to improve the logistical and infrastructure-related efficiency at the land border and also compliance with the WTO's Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA).

The TFA necessitates the simplification of border management procedures and the adoption of new transparency measures, all of which are expected to reduce the transaction cost of imports and exports and facilitate the smooth movement of goods across the designated border crossing points.

However, there are several areas with scope for improvement, particularly when compared to good practices adopted in other parts of the world. Also, it is also important to ensure proper functioning of the ICPs with optimal use of resources and infrastructure. That can be realised through a regular assessments and incremental progress.

In this context, CUTS study *“Improving India's Ease of Trading across Borders: Opportunities and Challenges in Land Ports/Integrated Check Posts”* project, supported by LPAI, is to understand gaps and identify measures to improve the performance of eight operational (Agartala, Attari, Joghani, Moreh, Petrapole, Raxaul, Srimantapur, and Sutarkandi) and two upcoming (Rupaidiha, and Dawki) ICPs.

Therefore, the objective of this meeting is to disseminate the study findings, particularly its suggested way forward.

Draft Agenda

Time	Item
4:00 – 4:10 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aditya Mishra, Chairman, Land Ports Authority of India
4:10 – 4:40 pm	Presentation: Status of India's Land Ports and way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veena Vidyadharan, Fellow, CUTS International
4:40 – 5:10 pm	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arvind Akashi, Manager, Land Port Sutarkandi, LPAI• Nikita Singla, Consultant, The World Bank Group• Riya Sinha, Associate Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress• Prabir De, Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC), RIS
5:10 – 5:25 pm	Open Discussion
5:25 – 5:30 pm	Vote of Thanks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ajeet Kumar Singh, Director (Operations), Land Ports Authority of India