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Govt drops port corporatisation plan

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NEW DELHI, Sept. 27

THE Union government has dropped the ambitious plan to corporatise Major Ports following stiff resistance from trade unions and political parties, the Union Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Mr Nitin Gadkari, said.

Now instead of corporatising, the Ministry of

Shipping has decided to strengthen the existing law to improve efficiency and functioning of Major Ports by giving more powers to Chairmen so that the decision-making process becomes faster, he said.

Speaking to media persons, the Minister said, "The port corporatisation plan has faced resistance from trade unions, political parties... so

we have decided not to go for corporatisation, rather we will go for modernisation. Attempts are being made to

find alternatives to upgrade ports."

"We had appointed a

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MoS to revoke old laws to facilitate ease of doing business

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IN order to improve ease of doing business in India, the Ministry of Shipping (MoS) intends revoking a number of rules of the Merchant Shipping Act of 1958. It may eliminate, by notification, older rules pertaining to certain tariffs, maintenance



Mr Deepak Shetty
Director-General of Shipping

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A. S. Moloobhoy Pvt. Ltd breaks through from Mazagaon to Marathon

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MUMBAI, Sept. 27

SINCE 1905, A. S. Moloobhoy and Sons has stood like a proud colossus at Mazagaon's harbour in Mumbai. Adjacent to Mazagon Dock Ltd (MDL), Moloobhoy's has been the exclusive supplier and service provider to the Indian marine industry since inception.

Incorporated 110 years ago under a mango tree in Mazagaon, Moloobhoy's recently, for the first time in a 100 years, moved its official corporate Head Office from Mazagaon to Marathon Future-X at NM Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai. The company now goes by the name A. S. Moloobhoy Pvt. Ltd with eight privately-owned branches at all the major ports outlining the Indian peninsula, highlighted an official release.

The company organised a well-attended get-together in the first week of September to celebrate the shift.

In conjunction with the physical "move" from "Mazagaon" to



Mrs Nafeesa Moloobhoy with Mr Deepak Shetty



The Moloobhoy family



"Marathon", the paradigm shift in the overall corporate culture and mentality at Moloobhoy's is palpable. The team's enthusiasm and excitement is infectious. This small, family-run business has set its sights on going "corporate" and has targeted heading towards the BSE in the next eight years, the release pointed out.

Moloobhoy's Managing Director, Mrs Nafeesa Moloobhoy's vision is one of expansion, and her team has wasted no

time in its implementation. Moloobhoy's has recently moved into the sphere of training and education.

In addition to being suppliers and service providers of electronics, life-saving and fire-fighting equipment, Moloobhoy's Training Division is the only approved and exclusively authorised Furuno

Type Specific ECDIS training centre in

India, which has trained and certified close to 2,000 students in the past two years.

The training centre is also approved by the DG Shipping for Generic

ECDIS Training and Certification along with MARIS ECDIS Type Specific Certification.

As Marathon Future-X now becomes the Corporate HQ, the office in Mazagaon will become a service centre for Electronics and Liferaft, Lifeboat, LSA-FFA servicing, with the other half being converted into a "training school" campus.

In addition to ECDIS training, Moloobhoy's has recently entered into a joint venture (JV) with the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organization (OPITO)-approved company Maritime Training Centre (MTC), who are world leaders in providing the mandatory/required training for all offshore skilled and unskilled workers.

This is a specialised "niche market" and Mrs Moloobhoy believes that this particular enterprise directly caters to the Prime Minister's "Make in India" initiative. "My dream is to train and certify our hard-working, English-speaking engineers and technicians who are working on offshore platforms, to make them fully competent, safety literate and on par with required international safety standards," she emphasised.

Also in the pipeline is the launch of the in-house "Emergency Drinking Water" project, where Moloobhoy's will be packaging and distributing drinking water as per the LSA, MSC and SOLAS Code. This product is



scheduled to be launched in India by the end of this year and will be IRS and ISO approved.

The Moloobhoy's also plan on expanding internationally, in Dubai and Fujairah this financial year, the release disclosed.