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MESSAGE

I am very happy to note that Maritime Nation India is organising its 2nd edition of the International Conference cum Exhibition: Maritime Nation India 2017 in Navi Mumbai on 14-15 September, 2017. India's economy and industry offers entrepreneurs across the world, a huge potential for trade and business including in rail transportation of passengers and cargo across the country. With a coastline of over 7500 kms stretching over 11 maritime states and island territories, India is a basket of opportunities for enterprises in connecting the production and consumption through railways.

Government of India has embarked on a number of initiatives like opening up of various sectors including sectors within the Indian railways, for participation by the private sector and permitting 100% FDI under the automatic route, allowing tax incentives, quick approval for projects etc. The maritime and the rail industries are intertwined with the economic and trade growth of the country.

Ministry of Railways continues to support the growth of the rail connectivity in India, which in turn enables the maritime and logistics sectors support India's manufacturing, consumption and foreign trade.

I am confident that this event will significantly contribute in projecting the opportunities of investment and collaboration among the exporters, importers and the maritime and rail logistics ecosystem in India.

I wish all the success for the Programme.

(Suresh Prabhu)