

A Study On The Management Of Shipping And Logistics Services From Nagpur By An Inland Container Depot (ICD)

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Abstract:

The ICD Nagpur manages the shipping and logistics services through which smooth movement of the goods across the region. This study involves the operational framework of the ICD, which is handled by the Container Corporation of India (CONCOR). They are focusing on improving regional connectivity and also to support economic growth. This study includes management workings, details examination of various aspects that gives a very important contribution to its operational efficiency, effectiveness and overall impact on domestic and international trade.

Keyword: Shipping, logistics, Inland Container Depot (ICD)

Introduction:

International Trade gives foundation to the global economy, promoting economic growth development and connected in the group of nations. They promotes flow of goods, capital, technologies between different nations. liberalization through agreements such as free trade agreements (FTAs) and membership in international organizations like the World Trade Organization (WTO) promotes market access and reduces trade barriers, fostering greater global integration.

Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) is a market leader with 85% market share in moving containerized cargo by rail. The company has massive expansion plans of 3000 crore for next five years, which enhances the container handling capacity larger volume. CONCOR continues to enjoy leadership position. CONCOR strength is in its large network of terminals expertise in operating rail and dominance region with more than 200 trains and 61 terminals. CONCOR has build a strong infrastructure giving it at competitive edge over its peers in the industry.

CONCOR terminals are located all over the country. These terminals are well equipped with modern handling equipments and facilities. The central region was set up with commissioning of the ICD at Nagpur in January 1997 .Nagpur is logistics hub for the Indian subcontinent for the movement international or domestic cargo. It is converging point of the nation's railway and road network linking a enormous land. ICD Nagpur is linked by rail to the east west, north south truck rail routes making it possible to run trains from and to all parts of India.

The service area of ICD Nagpur includes the industrial area located at Yavatmal, Wardha, Butibori, Kalmeshwar, Raipur, Bhilai, Chindwada, Souser and rices mills in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Shipping And Logistics Management:

Logistics management is concerned with creation of value for customers suppliers and stake holders of the firm. Logistics create time and place utility or value for the customers. CONCOR provides below mention services to their customers,

1. Containerized Transportation: CONCOR handling different types of container for the international and domestic shipments like 20 feet, 40 ft type of container, transport of containers by rail and road, connecting Nagpur to major ports and industrial hubs across India.

2. Customized Facilities: They arrange tailored logistics solutions to meet specific customer requirements, ensuring efficient and cost-effective transportation of goods.

3. Warehousing Facilities: CONCOR handles container depots and warehouses in strategic locations, offering storage facilities and inventory management services.

4. Multimodal Transport: Using their extensive network, CONCOR integrates rail, road, and coastal shipping to offer multimodal transport solutions.

5. Air shipments: They provides transportation of air cargo through through trucking between ICD's and major international airports like Mumbai and Bangalore etc. CONCOR has joint venture with MSIL and HAL in Air cargo.

6. Third party Logistics services: In the efforts to move from service integrater CONCOR will move towards becoming a Third party logistics service provider by expanding the core business into areas such as warehousing, refrigerated cargo storage and movement hazardous caro movements, project cargo shipments.

7. Special Services: They arranges container maintenance, repair, and handling services to ensure containers are in best condition for transport.

8. LCL and FCL Shipments: This includes less container loaded (LCL) shipments, in this type shipments in one container there are two or more customers can transport there cargo in one and full container loaded (FCL)

Progressive years of CONCOR are 1999 to 2000 to 2008-2009, In these years CONCOR Nagpur is on the peek. Global maket there is an recession takes place from 2005, but it does not have any impact on the CONCOR's profit, on the contrary when the other companies are facing the financial crises, in the same years they are making higher profits. They are having tremendous growth in there performances

during last few years. Below are some figure from the same.

Table: Progressive years of CONCOR Nagpur

Sr. No	Year	International (TEUS)	Domestic (TEUS)	Total (TEUS)
1.	2002-2003	47503	8304	55807
2.	2003-2004	52524	11901	64425
3.	2004-2005	55944	31434	87378
4.	2005-2006	62196	17469	79665
5.	2006-2007	77948	19203	97151

Source: www.concorindia.co.in

TEUS: Twenty foot Equivalent Unit

Details: Inland container Depot handled by CONCOR was having the twenty foot Equivalent Units in last five years displayed above, the international and domestic performance during the year from 2002 to 2007 clearly brings the out the success story of handling equipments.

Research Methodology :

The research tried to summarize the relevant literature relating to the management if shipping and logistics services of Inland container Depot Nagpur which is handled by CONCOR. To examine the service management of by CONCOR of ICD Nagpur secondary data is used. Secondary data for the study have been collected from the annual reports of CONCOR, various issues of economic reviews of CONCOR newspaper, reports and government publication.

Conclusion:

The research shown that through the systematic study about management of ICD Nagpur of export and import procedures are completing even from the small ICD depot like Nagpur they are managing the shipping and logistics services very efficiently and effectively. They are providing the Less container loaded, Full container loaded, custom clearance, cargo security at terminals, cargo examination, air cargo transportation . As there is an space problem at Nagpur ICD so CONCOR is planning to open new ICD at Multi Modal International Cargo Hub and Airport at Nagpur (MIHAN).

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