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To

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal,
Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Govt. of India,
Parivahan Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi - 110001.

Sub : Seeking urgent intervention by the State and Central Government to save and support the Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Amingaon, Guwahati.

Respected Sir,

Warm Greetings from North East Federation on International Trade (NEFIT)

At the very outset, we would like to introduce ourselves as the nodal trade body for the Exporters and Importers of the North East Region, with our registered office at Shillong, Meghalaya. The North East Federation on International Trade (**NEFIT**) provides content, direction and thrust to the North East's gradually expanding international trade especially with neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, ASEAN and China. We also assist and support our members to expand their global reach and accessibility to the International market. Besides we also organise workshops and seminars on Export/Import and participate in International trade fairs. **For more information please visit**

We would like to bring to your kind notice the current state of affairs at the **Inland Container Depot (ICD) at Amingaon, Guwahati**. It has seen a drastic fall of 62% in export volumes since the year 2017. Even the volume prior to 2017 was much below the built-in capacity of the ICD. It calls for urgent intervention by the State and the Central Government without which all operations in the only ICD of the North East region will come to a grinding halt. This will send a wrong signal to all stakeholders when the Government of India is actively pursuing its Act East Policy.