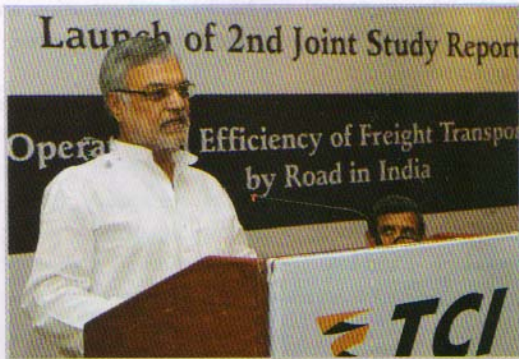


TCI- IIMC report on road freight, unveiled by Dr. C. P. Joshi



Transport Corporation of India Limited (TCI) in association with IIM-Calcutta (IIMC), released the second edition of the Joint Study Report on the 'Operational Efficiency of National Highways for Freight Transportation in India'. The report was unveiled by Dr C P Joshi, Union Cabinet Minister, Road Transport and Highways.

The research report was commissioned by TCI to assess the operational efficiency of freight transportation by road and the investments made in national highways, public-private partnerships (PPP) in road projects, electronic toll collection, access-controlled expressways and logistics parks/hubs. Data from seventeen major routes of India was analyzed and compared to key freight transportation statistics of international

countries.

The key findings of the report were based on surveys across high volume routes of India with special focus on two high volume routes- Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi -Bangalore. The project was commissioned a year back.

The TCI-IIMC joint study report highlights the problems faced by the transport sector and suggests recommendations on how to mitigate the problems and increase the contribution of the sector to the economic growth of India. The report also focuses on issues like land acquisition and waiver of taxes and duties etc. to attract private investments in road development and maintenance projects. •