Indian Ports Act, 1908

Section 34 - Variation of Port-dues by Government

"34.[1][Variation of port-dues by Government

The Government may after consulting,--

(a) in case of ports other than major ports, the authority appointed under section 36;

(b) in case of major ports, the Authority constituted under section 47A of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, 38 of 1963.

exempt, subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit to impose, any vessel or class of vessels entering a port subject to this Act from payment of port-dues and cancel the exemption, or may vary the rates at which port-dues are to be fixed in the port, in such manner as, having regard to the receipts and charges on account of the port it thinks expedient, by reducing or raising the dues, or any of them or may extend the period for which any vessel or class of vessels entering a port shall be exempt from liability to pay port-dues:

Provided that the rates shall not in any case exceed the amount authorized to be taken by or under this Act.".]

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1. Substituted by the Port Laws (Amdt) Act, 1997. Prior to substitution it reads as under

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The Government may, after consulting the authority appointed under section 36], exempt, [subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit to impose, any vessel or class of vessels] entering a port subject to this Act from payment of port dues and cancel the exemption, or may vary the rates at which port dues are to be levied in the port, in such manner as, having regard to the receipts and charges on account of the port, it thinks expedient, by reducing or raising the dues, or any of them [or may extend the periods for which any vessel or class of vessels entering a port shall be exempt from liablility to pay port-dues]:

Provided that the rates shall not in any case exceed the amount authorized to be taken by or under this Act."