

**CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH**

**DEAR SHAREHOLDERS**

I am pleased to welcome all of you to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company. The Company has the privilege of being the first flagship Company of Ministry of Railways (MOR) under Public Private Partnership (PPP). MOR entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited (GPPL) on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2000 for promoting your Company to undertake the construction, operation & maintenance of the Surendranagar - Pipavav 270 kms Rail Project. Your Company being a non-Government Railway has the rights and obligations of a "Railway Administration" under the Railways Act, 1989.

The Report of the Directors, Notice of the Annual General Meeting and Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 along with the reports of Statutory Auditors, Secretarial Auditors and C&AG have already been circulated to the shareholders, and with your permission, I take them as read.

**YEAR UNDER REVIEW**

The Company has shown a Net Profit of Rs. 82.27 crore during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020. During the financial year 2019-2020, the Company has carried 8.14 MT of cargo on the PRCL line and earned revenue of Rs. 229.65 crore from its freight operations.

During the current year, the traffic has declined marginally by 1.2% and this is mainly due to overall export import traffic during 2019-2020 was sluggish. However, apportioned revenue has gone up by 0.88% approx. Despite sluggish market conditions especially Export-Import traffic, which reflected in marginal decrease in traffic handled, PRCL has been able to maintain high level of profitability. Company could maintain and increase its apportioned revenue by 0.88% positive.

I also take this opportunity to compliment GPPL (our esteemed shareholders and port concessionaire) who have made all efforts to maintain a high level traffic at Pipavav Port and have been developing infrastructure facilities at the Port to attract more traffic.

### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

Electrification of adjoining network of PRCL section is under progress, being a feeder route to Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. During the current year 2020-21, electrification of a portion of PRCL line from Surendranagar to Botad junction has been completed. After CRS inspection, operation has been started on the electrified portion from 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Electrification of remaining part of PRCL line is in full swing and is likely to be completed by December, 2020. After completion of electrification work, it will provide seamless connectivity of PRCL Section with Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. Central Organization for Railway Electrification, Allahabad (CORE/ALD) has been engaged to carry out rail electrification works on PRCL section.

### **ACHIVEMENTS**

C&AG in its Special Review of the Company from beginning, have issued Half Margin dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and stated "PRCL is the Ideal Joint Venture Model" of the Railways. This is a very rare gesture and tribute from a constitutional authority and speaks volumes of the systematic accounting practices and ethical corporate governance practices followed by PRCL.

During the year, the Company as a part of its CSR initiative has completed the project relating to construction of Check Dam at Uchhaiya Village (Gujarat) in March 2020.

### **APPRECIATION**

I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation for the unflinching commitment, support and the contribution of PRCL officers and staff, Gujarat Pipavav Port Limited, Ministry of Railways, Government Bodies and the shareholders.

With best wishes,

**New Delhi**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020**

**Chairman**