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## Chennai Port arranges for systematic patrolling of Port area

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CHENNAI, April 25  
Chennai Port Trust has arranged for a systematic patrolling of the Port area as well as the anchorage area up to the Port limits with the help of B-6 Marine Police Station.

According to a ChPT release, for this purpose the Port has engaged a Speed

Boat on contract basis for five years from M/s S H M Ship Care, Mumbai at a cost of Rs 8 lakh per month including the service tax of 12.5 per cent and excluding the cost of fuel and water.

Mr T R Baalu, Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport and Highways handed over the keys of the

Speed Boat to the Assistant Commissioner of B-6 Port Marine Police Station on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 in the presence of senior officials of the Department of Shipping including Mr A Mohapatra, IAS, Secretary, Mr D T Joseph IAS (Retd) Advisor, Mr P C Dhiman, IAS Jt Secretary (Shipping), i/c and Mr K Suresh IAS Chairman Chennai Port Trust.

This move is mainly taken to ensure the safety and se-

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He who receives a benefit should never forget it. He who bestows should never remember it.

-Anonymous

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curity of the Port and also to comply with the requirements of the ISPS code. The Speed Boat, with all the latest facilities like radar system, P A System, G P System will be engaged in round the clock patrol services. Ten security personnel and 2 crews can be accommodated in the Speed Boat.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that the port employees should be conversant with the security measures available at the Port and the surveillance system should also be extended to monitor the vessels at outer anchorage at the waterfront area.

While briefing the press, Mr K Suresh mentioned that the Port is saving a sum of Rs 122.37 lakh on account of con-

tracting the Speed Boat for a period of five years instead of restoring to outright purchase.