

## Bureau of Port Security (BoPS)

### Draft Note

The security environment of the country has witnessed a drastic change and new environment has emerged, primarily due to enhanced focus of the Government of India on sea based port-led economic/development initiatives. Sagarmala Project, substantial increase in the handling of cargo by non-Major ports and Public Private Partnership in the sector are the major factors. It is imperative to safeguard seaports which play the most important role in supply chain as well as in development of the country.

Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) envisages creation of Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) to bolster security across all 'port facility' in the country, that shall function under the control of the 'Designated Authority' as per the relevant provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.

The function of the 'Designated Authority' is to 'set security levels and provide information thereof to port facilities within India and to every ship prior to entering an Indian port or while in a port within India'.