

**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Hybrid meeting of National Shipping Board held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 1500 hrs at Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, New Delhi.**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Hybrid Meeting of the National Shipping Board (NSB) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 1500 hours at Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, New Delhi.

The list of participants/attendees is as follows:-

**Attendees:**

1. Dr. Sanjeev Ranjan, Chairman, NSB
2. Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Addl. Secretary (S)
3. Shri Kumar Sanjay Bariar, Addl. Director General of Shipping
4. Shri Santanu Dhar on behalf of Shri Sunil Kumar, Jt. Secretary, MoPNG
5. Commander V Harshvardhan, Indian Navy
6. Shri Pankaj Verma, DIG, Indian Coast Guard
7. Shri Rahul B. Modi – CCTA
8. Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar– NUSI
9. Capt Tushar Pradhan – MUI
10. Shri Anil Laxman Devli, CEO, INSA
11. Shri Aditya Suklikar – ICCSA
12. Shri Prashant Seth, Director, FIEO
13. Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI, Mumbai
14. Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, IRS
15. Dr. K. Murali, Prof. IIT Chennai
16. Shri Madhu S. Nair, CMD, Cochin Shipyard Ltd.

**Permanent Invitees :**

01. Shri Amitabh Kumar, D G Shipping
02. Shri Sanjay Bandothyaya, Chairman, IWAI
03. Shri Rajiv Jalota, Chairman, IPA

**Special Invitee:**

01. Shri Mandeep Singh Randhawa, Director, MOPSW

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members to the 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of NSB and expressed that with the expertise and knowledge of all the members and the invitees, the Board can effectively contribute in the development of the Indian Shipping sector. It was explained that with the focus on reducing the logistics cost and multi modal transport the efforts of all the

stakeholders need to be synergized. On issues related to reduction of pollution, security, coastal shipping, multimodal transport and digital enablement close coordination with the ports and waterways is required and expressed that for effective implementation of the PM Gati Shakti framework and National Logistics Policy such issues need to be addressed and resolved.

Thereafter Secretary, NSB presented the listed Agenda for discussion.

1.0 Following agenda points were discussed at the meeting and decision taken:-

**1.1 Confirmation of previous NSB meeting (21<sup>st</sup>) held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021**

The minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> NSB meeting held on 02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021 was circulated to all members. There being no comments from the members, the Chairman-NSB, with the concurrence of members, confirmed that the minutes were approved.

**1.2 Creation of National Single Portal for Pre Arrival Notification**

The subject proposal was made by the Additional DG(S) wherein it was indicated that all Indian port and concerned authorities (customs, immigration, port and DGS) shall adopt and implement 'Indian Electronic Notice of Arrival and Departure'. Joint commands centre to be set up and should be manned 24x7 to monitor and implement it effectively. The Indian Notices of Arrival/Departure to be submitted to the central authority (DGS) from where it will be transmitted to the ports and other agencies. The application shall eliminate the need to submit the same information multiple times to multiple agencies. This will require linkage of Port Community System with DG Comm Centre (MMDAC) and issue of fresh notification by DGS.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal and it was agreed that a Sub-group be constituted under the Convener-ship of Additional DG Shipping along with Shri Manoranjan Gupta, IPA; Member from CDAC; Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA; representatives from NAVY and ICG to develop on the issues and further submit a report to NSB.

**1.3 Transition to IMO's Maritime Single Window by 01<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and digital enablement.**

The subject proposal was made by the Chairman, Indian Ports Association wherein it was indicated that the amendments adopted at the Facilitation Committee (FAL 46), are expected to enter into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, which will make the single window for data exchange mandatory in ports around the world, marking a significant step in the acceleration of digitalization in shipping. This will make it mandatory for public authorities to establish, maintain and use single window systems for the electronic exchange of information required on arrival, stay and departure of ships in ports. In addition, public authorities will have to combine or coordinate the electronic transmission of the data to

ensure that information is required to be submitted or provided only once and reused to the maximum extent possible.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal it was agreed that a Sub-group be constituted under the Convener-ship of Chairman IPA along with Shri Ashish Kumar Bose, MD IPA, Shri Prashant Manchalwar, DDG Shipping, Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA, Dy Chairman of all Major Ports and representatives of CUSTOMS and AMTOI to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB.

#### **1.4 Promotion of Ship building and Making India a global hub for manufacturing of Green Tugs, Port/Pilot crafts, Coastal vessels and Ferries.**

The subject proposal was made by the CMD, CSL wherein it was indicated that MoPSW had issued Standard Operating Procedures (SoP) pertaining to procurement/Chartering of Port Crafts by the Major Ports under Ministry. The Approved Standardized Tug Design & Specifications (ASTDS), which covers Outline Specifications, General Arrangement, Basic Calculations, Basic Structural Drawings, Key System Drawings and other Construction Standards etc., was issued as approved by the Standard Specification Committee (SSC) in 2021.

The above designs, however, do not incorporate the green fuel technology. It was suggested that MoPSW may re-establish the SSC to incorporate green fuel technology in the ASTDS. Further the SSC shall develop designs for Port crafts, coastal vessels, ferries etc., with the green fuel technology incorporated.

CMD, CSL requested that MoPSW may also release a green vessel policy which will ensure the long term charter requirements for the green vessels built in India by the ports, IWAI etc. It shall aim usage of only green vessels by the entities in the future (may be 5 to 10 years down the line). The ultimate aim should be to become a green vessel supplying Nation to the world.

DG Shipping also suggested that, it also need to incorporate policies which can be offered to support on behalf of the shipping community such as 'Rebate in Light House Duty', Ship building subsidy for green ships, Subsidy in Coastal Cargo movement etc., to bridge the cost disadvantages while greening the vessel etc.

Chairman, IRS also supported the proposal made by CMD, CSL and extended the support of IRS in providing support and approving the green designs.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal the Board noted existence of a sub-group of NSB constituted earlier to work on promotion of ship building. It was agreed, that

it be reconstituted and the Sub-group under the Convener-ship of the Shri Madhu S Nair along with Shri Pradeep Sudhakar, Dy. CSS DGS; Shri Arun Sharma, MD IRS; Shri Praveen Kumar Singh, VOCPT Tuticorin; Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA; representative of IPA, Operators- Adani, Polestar, IMDA, Engine Maker (MAN), Cummins, NTCPW and NCoEGPS to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB. It was also suggested that the NCoEGPS should build up the manpower resource required to support the Sub Group in its work and be the Nodal Center for developing India into a global hub for manufacturing of Green Tugs, Port/Pilot crafts, Coastal vessels and Ferries.

### **1.5 Promotion of energy efficient & low cost Coastal shipping for passenger and freight.**

The subject proposal was made by the President, ICCSA wherein it was indicated that the Coastal Shipping needs to be promoted as the energy efficient and lower cost mode of transport, for passengers and freight, through PPP mode with viability gap funding. The Coastal shipping is badly affected in terms of the GST rates and bulk rates applicable on the Diesel oil. Almost 95% of the coastal vessels operate on Diesel Oil which is currently out of GST regime, Bringing the fuel used by coastal vessel under GST (say 5%) will reduce the operating cost. The representative also mentioned the need for IFSCA (GIFT City) funding for the coastal shipping development.

The Member from CCTA also made several proposals towards the coastal shipping development such as Priority Berthing for Coastal Vessels, Green Channel for Coastal Cargo, Coastal Container Identification, Coastal Cargo complex, Coastal Multimodal Cargo Document, Compulsory Modal Shift of cargo on viable coastal port pairs, Port Ground Rent Charges, Coastal Awareness Program etc.

During the occasion, Chairman, IWAI shared the accomplished successful voyage of Ganga Vilas Cruise and he also mentioned the work being done on revision of IV Act/Rules to promote Inland waterways.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal the Board noted existence of a sub-group constituted earlier to work on the similar agenda. It was agreed that the Sub-group be reconstituted under the Convener-ship of the Dr. Pandurang Raut, DDG (Coastal) along with Chairman, PPA; Chairman, SMPA; Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA; Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA; representative from Chowgule Shipyard; Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI and representatives of IRS, IWAI, FCI, FAI and SCI to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB.

## **1.6 Development of Galathea Bay as Transshipment Hub for BIMSTEC Countries.**

The subject proposal was made by the CEO, INSA wherein it was indicated that the government plans to develop a transshipment port at Great Nicobar which will offer two geographical advantages -- proximity to the busy east-west international shipping route that can facilitate shorter transits and greater economies of scale, and can accommodate the latest generation of mega-ships. The transshipment port would enable big ships to anchor and raise India's share in maritime trade as well as create new job opportunities.

Further, CEO INSA indicated that the port can be utilized by the BIMSTEC countries as a transshipment port wherein INSA and ICCSA members can work towards developing the feeder liner services to support the transshipment. In order to facilitate the development and connectivity with the hinterland covering BIMSTEC and other countries the facilitating Coastal Shipping Agreements and Multi Modal Transport Agreements may also be required and need to be developed.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal it was agreed, that a Sub-group be constituted under the Convener-ship of the Director General of Shipping along with Chairman Kolkata Port Authority; Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA; Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA; Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI, Member from IWAI; Dy. Chairmans of Paradip, Tuticorin, Chennai, Vishakhapatnam Ports, EXIM Bank and Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB. It was also suggested that CMEC should build up the manpower resource required to support the Sub Group in its work.

## **1.7 Increases in Indian Tonnage**

The following proposals were also made by the CEO, INSA wherein he indicated the following:-

### **i. Maritime Development Fund**

Maritime Vision 2030 proposed the creation of a Maritime Development Fund for the purposes of acquisition of fleet. Additionally, funding mechanism in the form of subvention, subsidy or carve out from bonds would be required to assist Indian ship owners in adoption of Green technology, decarbonization or carbon capture.

### **ii. Promote investment and flagging of merchant fleet in India**

Recent problems faced by Indian exporter at the hands the container shipping companies have amplified the need for a greater role of national fleet. Order Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of 2018 has only served to dampen investment in container vessels in

India. India pays in excess of USD 52 billion as freight to foreign shipping companies.

All of this points towards the dire need to promote investment and flagging of merchant fleet in India. The Board should identify and suggest practical steps that should be taken which would lead to addition and growth of Indian flag vessels.

**iii. Preference to Make in India (Public Procurement) Order**

An order issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, of 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 granting a 2-year General relaxation for procurement of certain services by the Oil PSUs under the MoPNG. Oil PSUs is permitted to float Global tenders for the procurement of the services of Chartering of Ships; Voyage Charter, Contract of Affreightment (COA), Time Charter of vessels for import of (a) Crude oil, (b) LPG & (c) LNG and Voyage Charter for product vessels even for value of less than Rs. 200 crores.

This need to be corrected and the Oil PSUs under the MoPNG should be requested to comply with the provisions of the PP Order by granting preference to Indian ships.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal the Board noted existence of a sub-group constituted earlier and it was agreed that it be reconstituted under the Convener-ship of Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA along with Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA; Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA; CMD, CSL; Shri Prashant Seth, FIEO; DMD EXIM Bank and MD, IFSCA to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB.

**1.8 Increase in Employment of Seafarers, seafarer welfare and other issues related to seafarer.**

The proposal brought out by MUI and NUSI highlighted several issues related to Training, Employment, Welfare, Health, Facilities at Ports etc., faced by the Indian Seafarers.

Further to the deliberation on the proposal the Board noted existence of a sub-group constituted earlier. It was agreed that the Sub-group be reconstituted under the Convener-ship of Additional DG(S) along with Shri Tushar Pradhan, MUI; Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI; Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA; Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA and MD IPA to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB.

## **1.9 Multimodal Transportation**

The subject proposal brought out by AMTOI highlighted several issues related to Multimodal Transportation such as

- i. SEAMLESS Multimodal vs aggregation of segmented and disjointed transport and handling, e.g. Frankfurt Airport (passenger example) and Basel Trimodal Terminal.
- ii. Facilitating Indian Ownership, particularly for container logistics.
- iii. Global Scale Multimodal Logistics Hub in the proximity of a port & a secondary hub
- iv. Euro-Pallet Pooling System SRO- AMTOI

Further to the deliberation on the proposal the Board noted existence of a sub-group constituted earlier and it was agreed that the Sub Group be reconstituted with Convener-ship of the Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI and include Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA; Shri Prashant Seth, FIEO; Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA; Shri Arun Sharma, MD IRS and CONCOR, to develop on the issues and and further submit a report to NSB.

## **1.10 Shipping Policy and Merchant Shipping Act.**

Further to the deliberation on the various proposal with respect to the Shipping policies and the Merchant Shipping Act requirements, the Board noted existence of a sub-group constituted earlier during the NSB under the Convener-ship of JS, Shipping to work on the subject agenda.

It was agreed, that the Sub-group be constituted under the Convener-ship of the Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Additional Secretary, MoPSW.

## **1.11 Partner Institutions for developing Human Resources, Training, Automation, Digitalisation and Research.**

The proposal from Dr. K Murali of IIT Chennai included the following agenda and the need to improvement and the support which IIT Chennai & NTCPW can provide for the same:-

1. Strengthening maritime institutions and faculties: Onboarding leading MTIs and expanding their domain expertise by pilot projects.
2. Research innovation and technology commercialization: Model of NTCPWC and how it could be spread into other MTIs.
3. Coastal community skill development, training schemes and programs
4. Marine Robotics - Underwater inspection and Structural Integrity
5. Traffic Challenges and solutions for Ports in view of MIV 2030 & 2047.

6. Policy framework for promoting Coastal Tourism and Inland Waterways
7. Maritime Law, Policy and Governance – One or two institutions to be nurtured.
8. Maritime Digitalization and IT Technology for Next Generation Ports
9. Port Automation and Industry 4.0
10. PPP Models and adaptability for Ports

Further to the deliberation on the suggestions it was agreed that a Sub-group be constitute under the Convener-ship of Dr. K. Murali to develop on the issues and requirements and further submit a report to NSB.

## **2.0 Fixing date of the next meeting:**

The list of Sub Groups created and the members of the group is appended at **Annexure 1**. It was decided that the Convener of the Sub Groups may invite other resource persons in addition to the Members as may be required. The Chairman requested the Sub Groups to work on and submit their report within 20 days.

The date and place of venue of the next meeting will be decided in due course and upon receipt of the reports of the Sub Groups.

As there being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all Members of National Shipping Board.

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## Annexure 1 – SUB GROUPS

S.No	Sub Group	Composition (S/Shri)
1.	<b>Shipping Policy and Merchant Shipping Act</b>	<b>Shri Rajesh Kumar Sinha, AS Shipping - Convener</b> Shri Mandeep Singh Randhawa, Dir Shipping, Shri Dipesh Shah, MD IFSCA Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA DMD EXIM Bank Shri Prashant Seth, FIEO
2.	<b>Increases in Indian Tonnage</b>	<b>Shri. Anil Devli, CEO INSA - Convener</b> Shri Madhu S Nair, CMD, CSL Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA Shri Prashant Seth, FIEO DMD EXIM Bank Shri Dipesh Shah, MD, IFSCA
3.	<b>Multimodal Transportation</b>	<b>Shri. Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI - Convener</b> Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA Shri Prashant Seth, FIEO Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA Shri Arun Sharma, MD IRS Member CONCOR
4.	<b>Increase in Employment of Seafarers, seafarer welfare and other issues related to seafarer.</b>	<b>Additional DG (Shipping)– Convener</b> Shri Tushar Pradhan, MUI Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar, NUSI Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA Shri Ashish Kumar Bose, MD IPA
5.	<b>Promotion of Ship Building and Making India a Global hub for Manufacturing of Green Tugs, Port/Pilot crafts, Coastal vessels and Ferries</b>	<b>Shri. Madhu S Nair, CMD CSL - Convener</b> Shri Pradeep Sudhakar, Dy. CSS DGS Shri Arun Sharma, MD IRS Shri Praveen Kumar Singh, VOCPT Tuticorin Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA Member from IPA, Operators- Adani, Polestar Member from IMDA Member from Engine Maker (MAN), Cummins Dr. Raju, NTCPW Member from NCoEGPS
6.	<b>Promotion of Energy Efficient and Low cost Coastal Shipping for Passenger and Freight.</b>	<b>Dr. P Raut DDG DGS - Convener</b> Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA Shri ShrikantItagi,Chowgule Shipyard Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar—AMTOI Shri Arun Sharma, MD IRS Member from IWAI Member from FCI Member from SCI

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7.	<b>Creation of National Single portal for Pre Arrival Notification.</b>	<b>Additional DG (Shipping) – Convener</b> Shri Manoranjan Gupta, IPA Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA Member from CDAC Commandant Harshvardhan, Indian NAVY Shri Pankaj Verma, DIG ICG
8.	<b>Transition to IMO's Maritime Single Window by 01/01/2024 and digital enablement.</b>	<b>Shri. Rajiv Jalota, Chairman IPA - Convener</b> Shri Ashish Kumar Bose, MD IPA Shri Prashant Manchalwar, DDG Shipping Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA Dy Chairman of all Major Ports Member from CUSTOMS Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar—AMTOI
9.	<b>Development of Galathea Bay as Shipping transshipment hub for BIMSTEC Countries.</b>	<b>Shri. DG Shipping - Convener</b> Chairman, Kolkata Port Authority Shri Aditya Suklikar, ICCSA Shri Rahul Modi, CCTA Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar, AMTOI Member from IWAI Dy. Chairmans of Paradip, Tuticorin, Chennai, Vishkhapatanam Ports. Member from EXIM Bank Member from Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity.
10.	<b>Partner Institutions for developing Human Resources, Training, Automation, Digitalization and Research</b>	<b>Dr. K Murali, IIT Chennai - Convener</b> Dr Raju NTCPW Member from IMU Member from DGS handling Training Member from Training Institute