

'DEATH ON BOARD BENEFIT SCHEME'

DETAILS OF THE WELFARE SCHEME FOR THE 'DEATH ON BOARD BENEFIT SCHEME' FOR THE NOMINEE/S OF THE DECEASED INDIAN SEAFARER.

1. Pursuant to the objects of the Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (hereinafter referred to as the 'Society') as defined in Article 3(XV) of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, the nominee(s) of the Indian seafarer, as eligible under the provisions of Rule 4 below, may be granted financial assistance under the 'Death on Board Benefit Scheme' for death cases or presumed death cases on board, subject to the circumstances and extent detailed herein.
2. The financial assistance under the 'Death on Board Benefit Scheme' for an Indian seafarer shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the Society. The Society reserves the right to dispense with, curtail, enhance, suspend, or completely withdraw such financial assistance at any time without prior notice.
3. The availability of financial assistance under the 'Death on Board Benefit Scheme' to eligible nominee/ies of a deceased Indian seafarer (death cases or presumed death cases on board) does not confer or create any prescriptive rights whatsoever, and shall not be subject to challenge.
4. **Eligibility.**
 - (i) The scheme is applicable for all Bonafide employed / engaged Indian seafarers holding Indian CDC and is engaged through Indian Shipping Company / Indian Ship-owner on Indian flag vessel or engaged by the Registered RPSL Company on / Indian flag vessel/ foreign flag vessel.
 - (ii) The death of seafarer has occurred while on board and also presumed death cases are also considered under this scheme. This scheme will cover any sort of death occurred on Board,
 - (iii) The Bonafide of the seafarer who expired on board will be confirmed by the concerned Shipping Master, Government Shipping Office/Director Seamen's Employment Office, DG Shipping (Crew Branch).
 - (iv) The application form for this scheme is to be received by the SWFS within a period of 3 (three) months from the date of death of the seafarer / reported missing.
5. **Quantum.** The Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) will provide financial assistance in the form of 'Ex-gratia support' of ₹.2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only) to the nominee of the deceased seafarer, who expired on or after 12th March, 2025, as per the nomination form filed with the company/RPSL company for the concerned vessel on which the death occurred.
6. The Society may approach the Indian shipowners /registered RPS, company concerned and obtain such particulars as may be necessary for the purpose of payment of financial assistance envisaged under this scheme.
7. Application for financial assistance under this scheme is to be made in the prescribed form, along with attested copy of CDC book.
8. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above in all doubtful/disputed and/or exceptional cases, the Committee of Management of the SWFS may examine and decide the cases, on case-to-case basis, and its decision shall be final.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER 'DEATH ON BOARD BENEFIT SCHEME'

(Please refer notes given below before submitting this application form.)

1. Seafarer's name in full : Mr./Mrs./Ms.: _____
(As per CDC Book)
2. CDC Number : _____
3. The name of the vessel on Board : Date of sign-on: _____ Death of Death _____
4. Indian shipowners Co. name : _____
OR Recruitment & Placement : _____
Service (RPS) provider name : _____
& its Registration No. : _____
5. Applicant's name in full : _____
6. Relationship with seafarer : _____
7. Correspondence address : _____
Of the applicant _____
8. Telephone No./Mobile No. : Tel. No. _____ Mobile o.: _____
(with STD code No.)

I, the undersigned, wish to inform you that my husband/wife/son/daughter/father/mother Mrs./Mr./Ms. _____ expired on _____ while on board Vessel _____.

I, now request you to grant me, the financial assistance under the 'Death on Board Benefit Scheme' as per SWF Society's rules as applicable for the scheme. I am submitting herewith following documents, to receive the claim under the scheme. I give below my Bank account details. **(Bank details are mandatory, without which the application will not be processed.)**

- (a) Attested Copy of latest CDC book /Article of Agreement for engagement of vessel where death occurred.
- (b) Attested copy of any Identity proof of the applicant (i.e. PAN card/Voter's ID card/Aadhar Card/Indian passport etc.)

Details of the bank, where the financial assistance amount to be credited:

(Attach a legible copy of front page of Bank pass book of SB account, to verify the details.)

Name of the Bank	Branch Name	Branch Address	S.B. A/c.No.	Branch IFSC Code

(Note: Attach a legible copy of the front page of Bank pass book of SB account showing applicant's name,)

I declare that, I am claiming this financial assistance on the strength of the documents submitted above, and at later date, if it is found, that I am not the actual beneficiary, or my claim was found dishonest, I undertake to refund the financial assistance in full to the SWF Society.

Place: _____
(Applicant's Signature/ Thumb Impression)

Date: _____ Name of Applicant: _____

Note:

1. The scheme is applicable only for Indian seafarers holding Indian CDC and is Bonafide engaged through Indian Shipping Company / Indian Ship-owner on Indian flag vessel or engaged by the Registered RPSL company on foreign flag vessel / Indian flag vessel for cases of death on or after 12/03/2025.
2. The scheme is applicable to cases of death of seafarer occurred while on board and also presumed death cases are considered under this scheme.
3. The bonafide of the seafarer who expired on board will be confirmed by the concerned Shipping Master, Government Shipping Office/ Director Seamen's Employment Office, DG Shipping (Crew Branch).
4. The application form for this scheme is to be received by the SWFS within a period of three months from the date of death of seafarer / reported missing.

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Application No.

Documents attached verified & the applicant found eligible/not eligible under 'Death on Board Benefit Scheme' for financial assistance of ₹. _____ . (Rupees _____ Only)

Checked by D.A.

Verified by (A.A.O.)

Recommended by (CAAO)

Approved by MT/MS.