

## **EX-GRATIA SUPPORT BENEFIT SCHEME (ESBS)**

### **DETAILS OF THE WELFARE SCHEME 'EX-GRATIA SUPPORT BENEFIT SCHEME' FOR STRANDED / ABANDONED SEAFARERS FAMILY**

1. Pursuant to the objects of the Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (herein after referred to as the SWF Society) as defined in Article 3(XV) of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, the nominee(s) of the Indian seafarer, as being eligible in terms of provisions of rule 3 herein below, may be granted the financial assistance under the '**Ex-Gratia Support Benefit Scheme (ESBS)**', under the circumstances and to the extent detailed herein below.
2. Such financial assistance on being stranded / abandoned of an Indian seafarer shall be granted at the absolute discretion of the society and such financial assistance may be dispensed with and / or curtailed /enhanced, suspended or completely withdrawn at any time without any prior notice. The availability of such financial assistance under the 'Ex-Gratia Support Benefit Scheme' to the eligible beneficiary of the stranded/abandoned seafarer does not in any manner confer or create any prescriptive right whatsoever and shall not be called in question.

#### **3. Eligibility.**

The financial assistance under the 'Ex-Gratia Support Benefit Scheme' will be paid to the seafarer's next of kin of Standard/abandoned, by their owners/ employers/RPSL till their standard period or maximum of 12 months whichever is earlier. The Seafarers Welfare Fund Society will obtain the Bonafide of Stranded seafarers' details from the Shipping Master i.e. from Govt. Shipping Office / Seamen's Employment Office / D.G. Shipping (Crew Branch), & on their confirmation about the date from which the seafarer stranded & the next of kin details / family details, the assistance shall be paid by the SWFS to the next of kin of the stranded seafarers, after two months from the date of being stranded/ abandonment.

#### **4. Quantum.**

The quantum of financial assistance under this scheme shall be ₹.10,000/- per month (Rs. Ten Thousand only Per month) or maximum of ₹.1,20,000/- (Rs. One lac Twenty Thousand only) for 12 months period, whichever is earlier, which will be paid as 'Ex-gratia support' to the Standard seafarer's family. **(amended to ₹20,000/- p.m. for the family of those seafarers who are stranded/abandoned on or after 1.1.2026)**

5. The Ex-Gratia Support under this Scheme will be commenced only after 2 months from the date of being stranded/abandonment of seafarer or as directed by the Shipping Master / Director, Seamen's Employment Office / Deputy Director General of Shipping (Crew Branch).
6. For the clarification about stranded and abandonment of seafarers, the Society will follow the definition as given in ILO-MLC Rules.
7. The Seafarers Welfare Fund Society will obtain the Bonafide of Stranded seafarers' details from the Shipping Master i.e. Govt. Shipping Office OR Seamen's Employment Office OR Directorate General of Shipping (Crew Branch), and on their confirmation about the Bonafide employment of the seafarer and the date from which the seafarer

Stranded / abandoned & the nomination details / family details, the assistance shall be paid by the SWFS to the family of stranded seafarers, as per rule 5 above.

8. Application for financial assistance under this scheme is to be made in the prescribed form along with documents as given in the application form to prove the eligibility and identity and submitted to the SWFS within 2 months from the date of being stranded/abandonment of the seafarer.
9. Notwithstanding anything contained herein above in all doubtful/disputed and/or exceptional cases, the Committee of Management (the COM) of the SWF Society may examine and decide the cases, on case-to-case basis, and its decision shall be final.

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# **SEAFARERS' WELFARE FUND SOCIETY**

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## **APPLICATION FORM FOR “EX-GRATIA SUPPORT BENEFIT SCHEME (ESBS) FOR FAMILY OF ABANADONED SEAFARERS”**

(Please refer notes given on next page before submitting this application form)

### **PART A : DETAILS OF THE STRANDED/ABANDONED SEAFARER**

1)	Seafarer's Name in full	:	
2)	CDC Number (Attach copy of relevant page showing CDC No. & Name)	:	
3)	Date of being stranded/abandoned	:	
4)	Place/Port & Country where stranded/abandoned	:	
5)	Name of Vessel	:	
6)	Details of vessel owner/shipping Co./RPSL Co. through which seafarer was engage.	:	
7)	Employment Contract Number & Duration (If available)	:	

### **PART B : DETAILS OF NEXT OF KIN / FAMILY MEMBER APPLYING**

1)	Full Name	:	Mrs. / Mr.
2)	Relationship with Seafarer	:	
3)	Address for Correspondence	:	
4)	Contact Number	:	
5)	Email ID (if any):	:	
6)	Aadhaar / Voter ID / Other ID Proof Number (Please attach copy of document self-attested)	:	

### **PART C : BANK DETAILS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (NEFT/RTGS)**

1)	Name of Account Holder	:	
2)	Bank Name	:	
3)	Branch Name & Address	:	
4)	Account Type & Account Number	:	
5)	IFSC Code	:	

(Bank Account should be in the name of applicant and it should be normal saving account)  
(Copy of Bank Passbook showing name, A/c. details be attached.)

**PART D : DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED**

Please tick the documents attached (self-attested copies):

- Copy of Seafarer's CDC
- Proof of Employment (Contract / Letter of Appointment), if available
- ID Proof of Next of Kin (Aadhaar / Voter ID / Passport etc.)
- Relationship Proof (Birth Certificate / Marriage Certificate etc.)
- Cancelled Cheque / Bank Passbook copy
- Any other supporting documents: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART E : DECLARATION**

I, hereby inform you that my son/daughter/spouse Mr./Ms \_\_\_\_\_ has joined MV \_\_\_\_\_, IMO no. \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_ and the ship has been abandoned by the owners/operators and my son/daughter/spouse has not been paid salary from ----- Date). I am in dire need of funds to run my household and request you to provide financial assistance. I understand that financial assistance of Rs.10000 per month will be provided for a maximum of 12 months, or return of seafarer, whichever is earlier. **(amended to ₹20,000/- p.m. for the family of those seafarers who are stranded/abandoned on or after 1.1.2026)**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all information furnished above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that furnishing false information may result in rejection of the application and/or legal action as per law applicable.

I also acknowledge that the financial assistance under the "Ex-gratia Support Benefit Scheme (ESBS) for family of Abandoned Seafarer, is a purely discretionary support extended by the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) and that no prescriptive right is created through this application.

**Signature of the Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ (and relation with seafarer)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Date of Receipt: \_\_\_\_\_
- Verified by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_
- Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_
- Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_