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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Inviting information regarding pending maritime casualty cases involving Indian seafarers – reg.

The Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) invites information and relevant documents from all concerned stakeholders, including shipowners, ship managers, P&I Clubs, insurers, employers, Recruitment and Placement Service (RPS) companies, Next of Kin (NoK) and members of the public, regarding pending maritime casualty cases involving Indian seafarers, as detailed in the Case List enclosed herewith.

2. All concerned are requested to furnish available information, supporting documents and updates in respect of the listed cases, particularly regarding investigation reports, insurance claims, compensation, benefits paid to NoK and other pending matters, **within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice,** quoting the relevant Sl. No./Case Reference No.

3. The detailed notice specifying the scope of information sought, submission procedure, contact details and applicable disclaimers is enclosed as Annexure-I. The information received shall be examined by DGMA and appropriate action, wherever warranted, shall be undertaken in accordance with applicable laws.

4. All concerned are requested to extend their cooperation in this exercise for updating official records and facilitating appropriate follow-up of the cases in the interest of affected seafarers and their families.

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(Capt. Bipin Kumar)
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1. Annexure-I – Detailed Notice.
2. Case List of pending maritime casualty cases.

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ANNEXURE - I

DETAILED NOTICE

INVITING INFORMATION REGARDING PENDING MARITIME CASUALTY CASES INVOLVING INDIAN SEAFARERS

The office of the Director General of Maritime Administration (DGMA), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, [hereinafter referred to as the "Directorate"] is examining and following up cases involving death, disappearance, serious injury and other maritime casualties concerning Indian seafarers.

During the course of examination and follow-up of such cases, it has been observed that, in the interest of all the stake holders and victims concerned, it is necessary to rule out the possibility of inadequacy of documents information, proofs or materials. Accordingly, it has been decided that adequate opportunity may be afforded to the public, including the concerned stakeholders, NoK or such other person all concerned to verify the existing records and to furnish any documented information, proofs or materials in respect of pending registered or unregistered cases or incidents, except those cases that are already disposed of or addressed by the statutory authority within the mandate of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 (Act No 44 of 1958) or the Merchant Shipping Act 2025 (Act No 24 of 2025).

It is further informed that, in respect of several such cases, the recruitment and placement service (RPS) companies, through which the concerned seafarers were recruited, are presently either under suspension or their Recruitment and Placement Services Licenses (RPSL) have been withdrawn/ceased to be valid. Consequently, obtaining updated information and records from the concerned RPS companies has, in several cases, have been inadvertently found to be restricted and limited.

Therefore, with a view to obtaining the latest and complete information in respect of such cases and facilitating appropriate follow-up, DGMA hereby invites information from any person, organisation or authority having relevant information concerning the casualty cases listed in the Case List available on the official website of DGMA.

This Notice is issued in exercise of the regulatory and supervisory functions of DGMA under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and the rules framed thereunder, including functions relating to seafarer welfare, maritime casualty matters, recruitment and placement services, and maintenance of records concerning Indian seafarers.

The complete **Case List is provided below/attached with this Notice** and contains the available particulars of the concerned seafarers, vessels, date/nature of casualty and the information/updates required in each case.

Public is also hereby informed that Directorate is duty bound to function within and in strict compliance with the powers, duties and procedures as prescribed under the Merchant Shipping Act 2025, allied Rules and byelaws.

Information is particularly invited from:

i. Shipowners/Ship Managers;
ii. P&I Clubs/insurers;
iii. Employers/representatives of the concerned seafarers;
iv. Next of Kin (NoK) of the affected seafarers; and
v. Any other person or organisation having relevant information regarding the cases.

Information/documents relating to the cases may include, inter alia, the status regarding investigation/inquiry report, insurance/P&I claims, compensation or other benefits paid to the Next of Kin, status of pending claims, and any other relevant information or records.

Persons/organisations having relevant information are requested to furnish the same to Directorate within 30 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice, quoting the Sl. No./Case Reference No. mentioned against the concerned case in the Case List available on the DGMA website. Public is also hereby informed that Directorate is duty bound to function within and in strict compliance with the powers, duties and procedures as prescribed under the Merchant Shipping Act 2025, allied Rules and byelaws.

The information may be furnished through the following email IDs:

i. crews-dgs@nic.in
ii. bipin.kumar-dgs@gov.in
iii. kssantosh-dgs@gov.in
iv. E-Navik (24*7 Grievance Redressal Contact Details) Emergency Helpline at 1800-889-7768 / +91 8655856830 or email at enavik.24×7@gov.in / support.dgs@gov.in [This may also facilitate generation of a unique Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM)reference alongside the above email channels] and International Calls on +1 - 888 - 988 – 0256
v. DG Comm Centre – Emergency Helpdesk at +91-9869065444 / +91- 8657549752 / +91-8657549760 and DGCOMM Tel at +91-22- 22610606 / +91-22-22614646 or DGCOMM Email at dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in / dgcommcentre-ssas@lrit.gov.in

Alternatively, the concerned persons may contact the Directorate directly at: 98670 02698 / 93204 90825

The information received shall be examined by DGMA and, appropriate action, wherever required and within the scope of the DGMA's statutory functions, may be undertaken in accordance with applicable law.

The DGMA requests all concerned stakeholders, Next-of-Kin and members of the public having relevant information to extend their cooperation in updating the official records and facilitating appropriate follow-up of these cases in the interest of the affected seafarers and their families.

Note: The Case List published along with this Notice is based on the information presently available with the Directorate and may be updated from time to time on receipt of further information.

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(Capt. Bipin Kumar)
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Directorate General of Maritime Administration
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Privacy Disclaimer: Information received pursuant to this Notice shall be used solely for regulatory, investigatory, welfare and record-updation purposes and shall be handled in accordance with applicable legal requirements concerning confidentiality and protection of personal information.

Disclaimers:

1. Inclusion of a case in the Case List does not imply any finding regarding liability, fault, negligence or entitlement to compensation.
2. DGMA does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of information furnished by third parties and may undertake verification wherever considered necessary.
3. The submission of information does not confer any legal rights or formal settlement status upon the informants, and that all inputs remain subject to departmental verification.
4. Submission of information pursuant to this Notice shall not affect any rights, claims, proceedings or remedies available to any person before any court, tribunal or competent authority

NOTE FOR COMPENSATION CLAIM CASES OF MISSING AND DEATH OF INDIAN SEAFARERS

Sr. No.	Name of Seafarer	Vessel Name	Case Type	Case Year	Flag State of the Vessel	Port State of the Incident	Short Case Brief
1	Shri Sushil Kumar	Tug Trun Ship	Death	2013	Not Known	Not Known	Died on 24.03.2013 while working on the private ship Tug Trun Ship, reportedly owned by a shipowner from China. RPSL not traceable; NoK details not provided; circumstances of death and compensation status not known.
2	Shri Pathrose John	Not available (fishing boat; colliding vessel 'Sama')	Death	2016	Not Known	UAE (Ajman)	Indian fisherman died on 05.12.2016 in a collision between his fishing boat and vessel 'Sama' (M/s Samar Shipping Co., Ajman). Ajman court found Sama stopped at sea without lights and ordered blood money of AED 2,00,000 (approx. Rs 40 lakh) in absentia, as the Captain had left UAE. Disbursement of the amount to the deceased's family is not known.
3	Shri Dilip Mani	MT Rojean	Death	2017	Panama	UAE (Dubai)	Sustained injuries in a fire incident on board MT Rojean on 13.05.2017 and subsequently succumbed to the injuries on 25.05.2017. The incident was taken up with the Consulate General of India, Dubai and the Panama Maritime Authority. Details of the vessel's registered owners, ship managers, P&I Club, and other associated stakeholders, along with the circumstances surrounding the incident, require further ascertainment.
4	1. Shri Sharda Singh 2. Shri Rajvir Singh	GAC Pearl (IMO 8107828)	Death	2017	Micronesia	Iran	GAC Pearl sank in Tehran waters on 29.09.2017 with 13 seafarers incl. two Indians, both died; remains repatriated via Indian Consulate, Tehran. Compensation unsettled; registered owner M/s Pearl Shipping International (c/o GAC Marine SA, Cairo) did not reply to letters of 02.06.2021 and 17.12.2021 sent via Micronesia Registry. RPSL not traceable.
5	Shri Vineeth Ottolil Veetil	Antakya (Bulk Carrier)	Death	2018	Panama	China (Nantong, Jiangsu)	Went missing 04.02.2018 after going ashore at Nantong shipyard; body found 01.03.2018 within shipyard premises; post-mortem indicates drowning. DOC/ISM operator M/s Iskenderun Ship Management has not furnished Flag State and P&I reports despite RPSL's requests.
6	Shri Shubham Sachan	Shayan 8	Death	2018	Iran	UAE (Dubai, Port Rashid)	AB died in an accident while Shayan 8 was berthed at Port Rashid, Dubai on 23.04.2018; post-mortem indicates drowning. Responses of RPSL, shipowner and P&I Club on circumstances and compensation are awaited/not known.
7	Shri Vikas	TB Hock Peng 25	Missing	2018	*Not Known*	*Not Known*	Reportedly on TB Hock Peng 25 since 29.08.2018; on 24.12.2018 family informed by phone he fell into water and was not found. Owners reportedly at Sibu, Sarawak, Malaysia. RPS agency denies engagement; no compensation; PDC not issued.
8	Shri Vijay Singh Chouhan	S.A.R.A.Y.A.	Missing	2018 (record); Feb 2019 (complaint)	*Not Known*	UAE (Dubai)	Deck Cadet missing from the vessel of a Dubai-based company since Feb 2019 per complaint (record says 2018). RPS agency denies engagement/untraceable; no compensation; PDC not issued.

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9	1. Shri Karankumar Haribhai Tandel (Wiper – Death – LPG/C MAESTRO) 2. Shri Vikram Singh (Oiler – Death – LPG/C CANDY) 3. Shri Raja Panigrahi (Deck Cadet – Death – LPG/C CANDY) 4. Shri Pinalkumar Bharatbhai Tandel (Wiper – Death – LPG/C CANDY) 5. Shri Vishal Dod (OS – Death – LPG/C CANDY 6. Shri Nagarajan Saravanan (OS – Death – LPG/C CANDY 7. Shri Siddharth Meher (AB – Missing – LPG/C MAESTRO 8. Shri Neeraj Singh (OS – Missing – LPG/C MAESTRO 9. Shri Sebastian Britto Breezlin Sahayaraj (Wiper – Missing – LPG/C MAESTRO) 10. Shri Avinash (Oiler – Missing – LPG/C MAESTRO) 11. Shri Rushikesh Raju Sakpal (AB – Missing – LPG/C CANDY) 12. Shri Akshay Baban Jadhav (AB – Missing – LPG/C CANDY)	LPG/C Maestro and LPG/C Candy (IMO 9005479 / 8810700)	Death and Missing	2019	Tanzania	Russia (Kerch Strait, Black Sea)	Explosion and fire on both Tanzania-flagged LPG carriers on 21.01.2019 during ship-to-ship transfer in Kerch Strait; 6 Indians deceased, 6 missing. P&I insurer Arsenal Insurance Co.,; matter before a Russian court; compensation pending; PDC issued in one case, others pending.
10	Shri Mohd. Mahfooz Ansari	Jame Jam 5	Death	2019	Iran	Iran (Bandar Abbas)	Died following an explosion on board Jame Jam 5 at Bandar Abbas on 27.09.2019. RPSL, shipowner and P&I Club have not responded on circumstances and compensation.
11	Shri Laxman Singh	MV Phu Dat 168	Death	2019	*Not Known*	Vietnam (Hai Phong)	Found dead on board MV Phu Dat 168 at 0825 hrs on 26.04.2019 at Hai Phong; Embassy informed by Dept of Foreign Affairs, Hai Phong. RPSL untraceable; compensation status not known.
12	Shri Himanshu Palariya	Tug Super Top 1 (IMO 8739176)	Death	2020	Malaysia	Malaysia (Tawau)	Deck Rating reported dead 14.08.2020 at Tawau (remains at Tawau Hospital; intimation 19.08.2020). DGS records showed him on HARBOUR STAR but he was reportedly on Tug SUPER TOP 1. RPSL untraceable; repatriation and compensation status not available.
13	Shri Saurav Pandey	Hong Fu / M.V. Sung Fatt 19 (IMO 333250 as recorded)	Death	2020	Malaysia (Sung Fatt 19); Panama (Hong Fu)	Malaysia (Sibu, Sarawak)	Oiler recruited for Hong Fu, transferred to Sung Fatt 19, went missing 20.04.2020; body traced, post-mortem shows drowning, no foul play per Malaysian Police. Employer offered RM 25,000 (Malaysian Labour Law), considered inadequate by DGMA; settlement as per MLC 2006 requested. Case pending.
14	Shri Saurabh Kumar	TB Global 1 (IMO 9742182)	Death	2020	Malaysia	Malaysia (port not specified)	Oiler slipped and fell into sea while chipping forward hull on 24.07.2020 (summary says 25.07.2020); body later traced and repatriated. Malaysian Police reportedly investigating. RPSL untraceable.

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15	Shri Vilfen Lobo	MV Helvetia (IMO 8128858)	Death	2020	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	Nigeria (Koko Anchorage)	Trainee Engine Rating reported missing at Koko Anchorage on 27.07.2020; body recovered. Zanzibar Maritime Authority reportedly confirmed owners arranged compensation, but NoK has not given names/bank details to P&I Club. DGS requested CG Zanzibar to obtain documents and facilitate submission by NoK.
16	Shri Mayuresh Surve	Not available	Death	2020	*Not Known*	Malaysia (Sibu)	Trainee died 13.08.2020 at Sibu while working with a shipping company (M/s Makira Shipping Sdn Bhd). Labour Wing, HCI Kuala Lumpur reported natural death due to severe pneumonia; remains repatriated. Possibly engaged via unauthorised agent.
17	Shri Dileep Rajak	M.T. Rose Jasmeen (IMO 8514291)	Death	2020	Panama	UAE (Sharjah, Port Khalid)	Engine Petty Officer died 27.08.2020 (summary says 30.08.2020) at Port Khalid, Sharjah, reportedly of heatstroke and cardiac arrest; death confirmed at MQH Al Qassimi Hospital; no post-mortem (natural death). RPSL untraceable.
18	Shri Nirmal Singh Bisht	Behbahan / Cyrus 1 (IMO 7648966)	Missing	2020	Iran	Iraq	Iran-flagged tanker Behbahan sank in Iraqi waters on 05.06.2020; 7 crew (6 Iranian, 1 Indian): 4 rescued, 1 dead, Shri Bisht missing. NoK could not be reached; no compensation; PDC not issued.
19	Shri Johnson Bernat Jayanth	Danum 175 (IMO 9248930)	Death	2020	Malaysia	Singapore (Pasir Panjang Terminal)	AB fell from the vessel onto the shore fender and into water while handling lashing gear at Berth 1, Pasir Panjang, around 0350 hrs on 21.12.2020 (summary says 04.01.2021); body recovered and handed over. Compensation unpaid.
20	Shri Ajin Johnson Latha	MV Vania (also Kharazm) (IMO 9442897)	Missing	2020	*Not Known*	Iran (Lark Island, Hormozgan)	MV Kharazm capsized near Lark Island on 26.12.2020 (summary says 2021) en route Oman to Bandar Abbas with 7 crew (6 Iranian, 1 Indian). Three Iranian bodies recovered; Indian seafarer untraced. PDC not issued.
21	1. Shri Athulraj Virunnukandy 2. Shri Jeet Ram Jat	Brahkan Express (tugboat)	Death	2021	*Not Known*	Iraq (Basra Port)	Wiper and AB died on Brahkan Express in 2021; recorded at Basra Port, with fire in Persian Gulf waters. Both RPS agencies untraceable; no response on compensation.

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22	1. Shri Gulshan Mehra 2. Shri Shyamal Biswas	OSV Asso (IMO 8341802)	Death	2022	Palau	Italy (Crotone, Calabria)	Accident on OSV Asso at Crotone Port on 01.09.2022: three reported dead, one Indian (Shri Chandermohan Singh) hospitalised. Two Indians died. RPSL untraceable.
23	Shri Niraj Kumar Shukla	MV Shohada 1 (as per Form II)	Death	2022	*Not Known*	Iran (Khoramshahr Port)	Went missing from Shohada 1 at Khoramshahr on 19.05.2022; body recovered by port authorities on morning of 22.05.2022 and sent for post-mortem. RPSL denies signing him on.
24	Shri Atul Pachauri	Singmas 2	Missing	2022	*Not Known*	Malaysia (Sarawak)	Technician went missing from Singmas 2 on 10.10.2022 at jetty, Sarawak, suspected accidental fall into water. Malaysian Police registered case. RPSL untraceable; PDC not issued.
25	Shri Himanshu Kumar	Banga 2	Missing	2022	*Not Known*	Malaysia (Samalaju, near Bintulu)	Banga 2 (2 Malaysian, 2 Indian crew) sank in a storm at anchor ~40.2 NM NW of Bintulu around 0200 hrs; three rescued, Shri Himanshu Kumar missing. RPSL unknown; NoK could not be reached; PDC not issued.
26	Shri Manikandan Poongavanam Udiyar	Zim Yin (travelled to join TB GHKO No. 1)	Missing	2022	*Not Known*	Malaysia (last known: Sibu)	Missing since 17.10.2022; travelled to Miri on 24.09.2022 to join TB GHKO No. 1 as Oiler but was told to board a domestic vessel at Kapit on 02.10.2022; whereabouts untraced. RPSL unknown; PDC not issued.
27	Shri Vivek Kumar Singh	MT Lunis (IMO 9200859)	Death	2023	Panama	UAE (Sharjah, Khalid Port)	AB fell into a tank during tank cleaning on 22.03.2023 at Khalid Port Anchorage; taken to Kuwait Hospital, Sharjah where he died. RPSL untraceable.
28	1. Shri Sriman Gurram (Missing) 2. Shri Simhachalam Ummidi (Death)	Houbin / Bazoo 1 (IMO 8854093)	Death and Missing	2023	*Not Known*	*Iran*	MV Houbin sank in the Persian Gulf on 23.12.2023 in adverse weather; 7 crew: 4 Iranian rescued; Captain and Shri Ummidi died; Shri Gurram missing.
29	Shri Lokesh Kumar	Raptor (spelt Raptar; IMO 8212350)	Missing	2023	Comoros	Greece (off Lesbos)	Comoros-flagged cargo vessel sank off Lesbos on 26.11.2023 in stormy weather; 14 crew (8 Egyptian, 4 Indian, 2 Syrian); AB Shri Lokesh Kumar missing. RPSL untraceable; PDC not issued.
30	1. Shri Haneesh Velakkath Haridas (Death) 2. Shri Amal Kottayil Suresh (Missing)	Ara Bakhter 1	Death and Missing	2024	*Not Known*	*Not Known*	Associated with MV Bakhtar-1 (IMO No. 8985189) in Iranian waters in 2024; details regarding their engagement and circumstances remain unclear. Vessel owner, Mr. Amir Hussain of Bakhtar Shipping Gouyaei Company, not cooperating in providing the requisite details. Mission in Tehran and Consulate in Bandar Abbas have taken up the matter with Iranian MFA for intervention.