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F.No.3(2)/CR/2006 Dated: 03.06.13

DG Shipping Order No. 14 of 2013

Sub: Revision of eligibility condition for issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate <u>cum</u>
Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) on experience basis to Schedule Tribe members of Union
Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Island & Union Territory of Lakshadweep – reg.

Merchant Shipping(M.S) Continuous Discharge Certificate cum Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) Rules, 2001, under its sub-rule 4 (10), enabled issuance of CDCs to Indian seafarers who had a sailing experience of three years to facilitate such seafarers to avail employment opportunities. The above facilitation was initially provided for a period of one year. Though the period of issuance of such a CDC on experience basis was extended, it was stopped with effect from 31.12.06. It is noticed that Indian seafarers are serving in large number in foreign flag vessels without an Indian CDC, now also and facing difficulties in their signing on and signing off formalities. Therefore, vide DG Shipping Order No.8 of 2013 [CR/CDC(Special)/2013] dated 22.03.13, such Indian seafarers with a sea service of 24 months was made eligible to apply for a CDC.

- 2. A similar facility of issuance of CDC on experience basis is also extended to the Scheduled Tribe members of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Union Territory of Lakshadweep vide sub rule 4(9) of M.S (CDC) Rules 2001, and being availed till now, provided such an applicant has served as a seaman or a ship crew for not less than three years at sea within the previous seven years preceding the date of application. However, due to the recent DGS Order No. 08 of 2013 as mentioned above, there is a mismatch in the prescribed sea service, in these two categories.
- 3. Now, therefore, considering the situation and to remove the above disparity, the Director-General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India, exercising the powers conferred by Clause (1) of Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with notification issued by the Government of India vide S. O. No. 3144 dated 17th December 1960 delegating the said power to him, is pleased to revise the sea experience for Scheduled Tribe members of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Union Territory of Lakshadweep from the existing three years to two years preceding the date of application. All other terms of sub rule 4 (9) of M.S (CDC) Rules 2001 for the above category remain unchanged.

4.	This order	shall	come	into	force	with	an	immediate	effect	and	shall	remain	in	force	until
further	orders.														

Sd/-

(Gautam Chatterjee) Director General of Shipping

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 - 5. DGS approved Maritime Training Institutions.
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