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**DGS Order No. 03 of 2025**

**Subject: Clarification on responsibilities related to Principal Officer (P.O), Mercantile Marine Department in the Crisis Management and Reaction Group - reg.**

In continuation of DGS Order No. 10 of 2023 dated 11.08.2023 regarding the constitution of the Crisis Management and Reaction Group, the following clarifications and additional provisions are hereby mandated:

1. Whereas, the Principal Officers, Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) have been designated as a Member(s) of the Crisis Management and Reaction Group vide DGS Order No. 10 of 2023. It is further required to delineate the responsibilities of the Principal Officer, MMD within the framework of the Crisis Management and Reaction Group.
2. The Principal Officer, MMD shall be the nodal coordinator for coordination between the Crisis Management and Reaction Group and the respective regional and jurisdictional MMD's or Seamen Employment Offices (SEOs).
3. The Principal Officer, MMD shall exercise jurisdictional responses including technical assessment of maritime casualties involving Indian seafarers, conduct inspections of vessels under distress as required, co-ordinate with port authorities and flag states within their respective region and ensure comprehensive documentation of all incident-specific technical details for the Crisis Management and Reaction Group.
4. Additionally, during seafarer crisis, the Principal Officer shall deploy technical resources for immediate situation assessment, establish direct communication with relevant maritime authorities in the area of incident, provide expert technical and operational guidance & support to the Crisis Management Group and expedite resolutions as deemed fit.

  
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