

F.No. 21-15011/1/225-COASTAL-DGS (Comp. No. 34142)
01.09.2024

Dated:

To,
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways,
Transport Bhawan,
1, Parliament Road,
New Delhi- 110001.

Sub: Constitution of new Committee consisting of stakeholders for draft preparation (National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan and National Database of Coastal Shipping) reg.

Sir,

As mentioned in Chapter III of Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, there is proposal for preparation of **National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan and National Database of Coastal Shipping**.

(1) The Central Government shall within a period of two years from the date of commencement of this Act, by notification, publish a National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan for the purpose of this Act, which shall be updated every two years by a like notification.

(2) The Strategic Plan shall include the following, namely:-

(a) assessment of the condition of coastal shipping routes in India including routes occupied by inland waterways;

(b) identification of the operational improvements required in coastal shipping, including those by way of integration with inland waterway routes, in order to make coastal maritime transport a cost-efficient mode of transportation for goods and passengers;

(c) long term forecasts of traffic on coastal shipping and inland waterways network;

(d) identification of best practices for improving the performance of coastal shipping including the synergy presented by inland waterway routes and other modes of transportation;

(e) identification of new routes for coastal shipping and integration thereof with inland waterways and existing coastal shipping routes;

(f) measures for the promotion of building, registration and participation of Indian vessels in coastal shipping in India;

(g) recommendations regarding the conditions subject to which vessels registered under the Inland Vessels Act, 2021, may engage in coasting trade of India; and

(h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(3) The Central Government shall constitute a committee consisting of the following

members for preparing the Strategic Plan, As mentioned thereof following are the members of committee for draft preparation:-

- (a) Director-General of Shipping—**Chairperson, *ex officio***;
- (b) Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India constituted under section 3 of the Inland Waterways Authority of India Act, 1985—**Member, *ex officio***;
- (c) one representative of each Board of Major Port Authority constituted under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Major Port Authority Act, 2021—**Members**;
- (d) one representative of the National Security Council Secretariat—**Member**;
- (e) one representative of each State Maritime Board or any other body responsible for the administration of ports other than major ports, in a State or Union territory—**Members**;
- (f) two representatives to represent ship owners—**Members**;
- (g) two representatives of seafarers—**Members**; and
- (h) such other persons having expertise in the field of coastal trade, mercantile and marine trade or maritime sector, as the Central Government may deem necessary—**Members (as per the annexure-I)**

In view of the above, it is kindly requested that the Ministry may kindly take due note of the aforesaid aspects and take a decision in this matter at the earliest in respect to issuance of an order towards formulation of a committee for preparing National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan and National Database of Coastal Shipping.

This is issued with approval of the Director General of Shipping.

Yours faithfully,

(Ravi Kumar Moka)
Ship Surveyor-cum-
DDG
(Tech./ Coastal
Shipping)

Encl: As Above.

Annexure-I

The following members are proposed for Coastal Shipping for Framing rules under Coastal Shipping Bill.

S.No	Name of the organization	Name of the member	Remarks
1.	Indian National	One member to be nominated by the INSA	22 Maker Tower-F, 2nd Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400

	Shipowners' Association (INSA)	Apeejay Shipping Limited	005, India. insa@insa.org.in 91 22 4160 1160
2.	ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA)	Capt. Rakesh Singh, Secretary-ICC Shipping Association	
3.	The Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)	Capt Pankaj, Capt Sanjay Kumar or Capt Manoj Chorasias	
4.	Institute of Marine Engineers (IMEI)	Shri Rajeev Nayyar	
5.	The Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI)	Capt. Ramjit S Krishnan Mob. 8304010638 Email: rkrish@protonmail.com	
6.	Institute of Naval Architects	Shri J. Das Gupta or his nominee	
7.	Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)	Mr. Ranjitsinh Patil and Mr. Virendra Babu	
8.	Indian Ports Association (IPA)	Shri Vikas Narwal, I.A.S Managing Director	Indian Ports Association 1st Floor, South Tower, NBCC Place, Bhisham Pitamah Marg, Lodi Road, New Delhi -110 003 (011) 2436 5632, 2436 9061
9.	Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)	SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH (ISS:1998) CHAIRMAN (Additional Charge) and VICE CHAIRMAN	0120-2544004, chairman[dot]iwai[at]nic[dot]in
10.	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	Harsha Vardhan Agarwal, President Anant Goenka Senior Vice President	
11.	Association of MTOs (AMTOI)	Neha Loke – Senior Coordinator	sr.coordinator@amtoi.org, 8452049684 / 85 H-Wing, 2nd Floor, Unit no.234, Kanakia Zillion, BKC Annexe, CST Junction

			Road, Kurla (E), Mumbai – 400 070
12.	Sagarmala Development Corporation Limited (SDCL)	Shri Vikas Narwal Managing Director (Additional Charge) md@sdclindia.com 01121400760	
13.	Indian Customs EDI Gateway (ICEGATE)	Smt. Arti Agarwal Srinivas, Director General	dg.systems@gov.in, 011-26877960
14.	National AIS – Automatic Identification System – Portal of DGLL	Shri N. Muruganandam, Director General	
15.	Indian Maritime University (IMU)	Capt. Sunil Chand Panigrahy, director.mumbaiport@imu.ac.in	
16.	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	Masato Kanda, President	
17.	Food Corporation of India (FCI)	Shri. Ashutosh Agnihotri, Chairman and Managing Director	0361 – 25401499, 2540149
18.	Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)	Shri. Arvindar Singh Sahney, Chairman and Managing Director	+91- 120 - 2593766
19.	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)	Shri. Amarendu Prakash, General Director	24368094, 24367282 dc.sail@sail.in
20.	Metals and Minerals Trading Corporation of India (MMTC) Ltd.	Shri. Hardeep Singh, Chairman and Managing Director	24011101
21.	Coal India Limited	Shri. P.M.Prasad Chairman and Managing Director	Cmd.ccl.cil@coalindia.in
22.	Gas and Oil Authority of India Ltd (GAIL)	Shri. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director	