

Minutes of the 19th Electronic meeting of National Shipping Board held on 14th September 2021 at 1500 hrs.

The 19th Electronic Meeting of the National Shipping Board (NSB) was held under Dr. Malini Shankar, Chairperson, National Shipping Board on 14th September, 2021 at 1500 hours. The list of participants/attendees is as follows:-

Attendees:

1. Dr. Malini Shankar, Chairperson NSB
2. Dr. Ajay Sahai - FIEO
3. Shri AbdulganiSerang – NUSI
4. Shri Amar Singh Thakur – MUI
5. Shri Anil Devli – INSA
6. Shri Shantanu Bhadkamkar
7. Shri Ishwar Achanta
8. Shri P. Rajesh, DIG, Coast Guard
9. Capt. Sarvpreet Singh, Director Naval Operations, Indian Navy
10. Capt. Sankar Kr. Das, Secretary – NSB
11. Shri Shitesh Ranjan, Asstt. Secretary - NSB

1.1 Granting leave of absence: -

The following members were granted leave of absence.

- i) Additional DG Shipping
- ii) Shri Aditya Suklikar - ICCSA.
- iii) Shri Rahul B. Modi – CCTA
- iv) Capt. Piyush Sinha
- v) Shri Sanjay Prashar

At the outset the Chairperson welcomed all the members to the 19th meeting of NSB and thereafter instructed to continue with the listed Agenda.

2.0 Following agenda points were discussed at the meeting:-

Sr.No.	Agenda item	Suggested by
1.	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 18 th NSB meeting	Chairperson
2.	Mariners Welfare - Medical facilities as per the MS Act, 1958 provisions	A letter received from AMICIE - Association of Maritime International Commercial Interests and Expertise.
3.	Decision to engage a suitable entity to document the deliberations/achievements of the NSB of the past year	Chairperson

2.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 18th NSB meeting held on 3rd August, 2021

The minutes of the 18th meeting were not circulated due to delay in the NSB Secretariat. Hence the Chair expressed her displeasure and reprimanded the secretariat. She said that henceforth the minutes of the meeting are to be prepared within 5 working days and to be submitted for approval through Mr.

Devli of INSA. Thereafter the same may be circulated to the members. The members of the NSB secretariat sought to be excused for the delay caused the last time and assured the Chair that the needful would be done.

2.2 Mariners Welfare - Medical facilities as per the MS Act, 1958 provisions

A letter received from AMICIE regarding mariners welfare was earlier circulated to the members for perusal. The National Welfare Board for Seafarers has been constituted but no meetings have taken place so far. The DG Shipping and the Shipping Master are members of a specific Committee formed for this purpose. The Chair pointed out that there are many measures that need to be taken for promoting the welfare of seamen but due to COVID many challenges have gone to the background. Hence it is essential for the NSB to focus on the possible actions that can be taken up on this subject matter. Mr. Abdulgani brought to the attention of the chair that this matter was being considered by the Directorate General of Shipping and we should await the outcome of that Committee and the DGS.

2.3 Decision to engage a suitable entity to document the deliberations/achievements of the NSB of the past year:

The Chair referred to the NSB budget sanctioned last year which had not been used entirely. She said that part of the sanctioned funds could be utilised for engaging a suitable professional to write an integrated report on the deliberations and achievements of the NSB in the past year. However, a prior sanction has to be obtained or approved from the DGS/Ministry. Hence the Chair requested Capt. Das-Secretary NSB, to acquire this information from D.G. Shipping. As Capt Das has been transferred to MMD-Kolkata, Mr. Shitesh Ranjan, Asstt, Secretary assured that he will do the needful. The Chair suggested that if the budget approval takes a little longer time then the hiring of professional could be initially processed through INSA with the assistance of Mr. Devli. The payment can be made to the professional directly from the sanctioned budget. Upon being informed that a professional could be identified on the basis of a fixed fee, she approved the obtaining of a quote to engage such a professional to prepare the report. She requested Mr. Devli to assist in this and also finalise the scope of work for the professional and the terms and conditions for the same. Mr. Devli agreed to do the needful.

3.0 Fixing date of the next meeting:

The 20th meeting of the NSB Board will be held on 12th October, 2021 at 1500 hours.

As there being no other matter to be discussed, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson and all Members of National Shipping Board.

Approved

Dr. Malini Shankar
Chairperson-NSB

Place: Mumbai
Date: 5.10.2021