

S.N o	Item	Details of Disclosure
1. 7	Boards, Councils, Committ ees and other Bodies constitut ed as part of Public Authorit y [Section 4(1)(b)(vi ii)]	<p>(i) Name of Boards, Council, Committee etc.: statutory advisory body</p> <p>(ii) Composition: 16 member (01 chairman+15 member)</p> <p>(iii) Dates from which constituted: Term/ Tenure: 30.04.2025</p> <p>(iv) Whether their meetings are open to the public? No</p> <p>(v) Whether the minutes of the meetings are open to the public: No</p> <p>(vi) Place where the minutes if open to the public are available? No</p> <p>1. NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD: The National Shipping Board (NSB) has been constituted for a period of two years with effect from 30.04.2025, with Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retired IAS, as the current Chairman and Shri Nebu Ommen as the Secretary.</p> <p>The National Shipping Board (NSB) is a statutory advisory body under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India. Its main role is to advise the central government on matters related to the shipping and maritime sector.</p> <p>Key Roles and Functions of the National Shipping Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Advisory: The NSB advises the government on policy matters related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Merchant shipping Port development Maritime safety Maritime education and training Development of Shipping Industry: It supports the growth and modernization of the Indian shipping industry by suggesting reforms and improvements. Port and Maritime Infrastructure: Provides recommendations for efficient and sustainable port development and infrastructure improvement. Welfare of Seafarers: Ensures the well-being of Indian seafarers, including training, working conditions, safety, and social security. Promotion of Indian Tonnage: Encourages registration of more ships under the Indian flag to boost Indian maritime presence globally. Review of Shipping Laws: Recommends changes in maritime laws to align them with international conventions and practices. Support Maritime Trade:

	<p>Promotes initiatives to enhance India's share in global maritime trade and improve the logistics chain.</p>
	<p>Legal Framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board was constituted under Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.• It consists of representatives from the government, ship owners, seafarers, port authorities, and maritime training institutions.



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पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय

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नई दिल्ली, 30 अप्रैल, 2025

का.आ. 1935(अ).—राष्ट्रीय नौवहन बोर्ड नियम, 1960 के नियम 4 के साथ पठित, वाणिज्य पोत परिवहन अधिनियम, 1958 (1958 का 44) की धारा 4 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए केंद्र सरकार एतद्वारा भारत के आधिकारिक राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तिथि से दो वर्ष की अवधि के लिए राष्ट्रीय नौवहन बोर्ड का गठन करती है।

राष्ट्रीय नौवहन बोर्ड में निम्नलिखित सदस्य शामिल होंगे:-

- श्री समीर कुमार खरे, सेवानिवृत्त आईएएस (अध्यक्ष)।
- श्री अजितकुमार सुकुमारन, मुख्य सर्वेक्षक, नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई।
- समुद्री प्रशासन संकंध के प्रभारी, पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय।
- पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के एक प्रतिनिधि (संयुक्त सचिव रैंक से नीचे नहीं)।
- भारतीय नौसेना के एक प्रतिनिधि (निदेशक रैंक से नीचे नहीं)।
- भारतीय तटरक्षक के एक प्रतिनिधि (निदेशक रैंक से नीचे नहीं)।
- श्री राकेश सिंह, सचिव, इंडियन कॉस्टल कॉन्फ्रेंस शिपिंग एसोशिएशन (आईसीसीएसए) के प्रतिनिधि।
- श्री अनिल लक्ष्मण देवली, सीईओ, इंडियन नेशनल शिप-ओर्नर्स एसोशिएशन (आईएनएसए) के प्रतिनिधि।

9. श्री राहुल मोदी, कोस्टल कंटेनर ट्रांसपोर्ट्स एसोशिएशन (सीमीटीए) के प्रतिनिधि।
10. श्री मिलिंद कडलगांवकर, महासचिव-सह-कोपाध्यक्ष, भारतीय राष्ट्रीय नाविक संघ (एनयूएसआई)।
11. कैप्टन तुषार प्रधान, मैरीटाइम यूनियन ऑफ इंडिया (एमयूआई) के महासचिव।
12. श्री अरुण शर्मा, कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष, इंडियन रजिस्ट्रार ऑफ शिपिंग (आईआरएस), मुंबई।
13. सीएमडी, कोचीन शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड।
14. डॉ. के. मुरली, प्रोफेसर, महासागर इंजिनियरिंग विभाग, आईआईटी, मद्रास।
15. सुश्री संजम साही गुप्ता, निदेशक, सितारा शिपिंग लिमिटेड।
16. श्री शांतनु कलिता, सलाहकार, आईपीए।

[फा.सं. एसटी-16011/4/2016-एमए]

राजेश कुमार सिन्हा, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 30th April, 2025

S.O. 1935(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) read with Rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, the Central Government hereby constitutes the National Shipping Board for a period of two years from the date of publication in the official Gazette of India.

The National Shipping Board shall consist of the following members: —

1. Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, Retired IAS, Chairperson.
2. Shri Ajithkumar Sukumaran, Chief Surveyor, Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.
3. In-charge of Marine Administration Wing, Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways.
4. A representative of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (not below the rank of Joint Secretary)
5. A representative of Indian Navy (Not below the rank of Director).
6. A representative of Indian Coast Guard (Not below the rank of Director).
7. Shri Rakesh Singh, Secretary, representative of Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association (ICCSA)
8. Shri Anil Laxman Devli, CEO, representative of Indian National Ship-owners Association (INSA)
9. Shri Rahul Modi, representative of Coastal Container Transports Association (CCTA)
10. Shri Milind Kandalaonkar, General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI).
11. Captain Tushar Pradhan, General Secretary of the Maritime Union of India (MUI),
12. Mr. Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman Indian Registrar of Shipping (IRS) Mumbai.
13. CMD, Cochin Shipyard Limited
14. Dr. K. Murali, Professor, Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT, Madras,
15. Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Ltd.
16. Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, IPA

[F. No. ST-16011/4/2016-MA]

RAJESH KUMAR SINHA, Special Secy.

NATIONAL WELFARE BOARD FOR SEAFARERS

The Government of India has reconstituted the National Welfare Board for Seafarers for promoting the welfare of the seafarers. It consists of 11 members representing the Government, industry and the seafarers. This Board is headed by the Union Minister of Shipping.

The meetings of the above bodies are not open to public and the minutes are circulated amongst the Board members and concerned Departments. The information pertaining to any of the topic discussed in the meetings would be available with the concerned Departments.

More details are available on

The National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATIONS
 Department of Transport
 (Transport Wing)

New Delhi the 5th July, 1963

NOTIFICATION

G.S.R. 1187 – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely :-

1. **Short title and commencement** – (1) These rules may be called the National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963.
 (2) They shall come into force at once.
2. **Definitions** — In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires :
 - (a) "Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958);
 - (b) "Board" means the National Welfare Board for Seafarers constituted under section 218(1) of the Act;
 - (c) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;
 - (d) "Director-General" means the Director General of Shipping, Bombay.
 - (e) "Secretary" means the Secretary to the Board.
3. **Board to be constituted every two years** – The Board shall be constituted for a period of two years at a time.
4. **Composition of the Board** – The Board shall consist of —
 - (a) the Minister of Transport and Communications, Chairman ex-officio;
 - (b) the Minister of Shipping, Vice-Chairman Ex-Officio;
 - (c) the Director-General of Shipping, member ex-officio;
 - (d) six representatives of the Central Government to be nominated by that Government;
 - (e) eight representatives, one each to be nominated by the Governments of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Madras, Maharashtra, Mysore, Orissa, and West Bengal;
 - (f) six representatives of port authorities in Bombay, Calcutta, Cochin, Kandla, Madras, and Visakhapatnam, to be appointed by the Central Government;
 - (g) five representatives of shipowners to be appointed by the Central Government after consultation with the ship owners;
 - (h) five representatives of seafarers to be appointed by the Central Government after consultation with associations of seafarers, if any;
 - (i) three Members of Parliament of whom two shall be nominated from the Lok Sabha and one from the Rajya Sabha;
 - (j) four members to be appointed by the Central Government representing societies interested in the welfare of seamen;
 - (k) one representative of the Company of Master Mariners of India to be appointed by the Central

- (l) a non-official to be nominated by the Central Government;
- (m) the Deputy Director-General of Shipping in charge of seamen's welfare, member Ex-officio

5. Terms of Office --- Subject to the other provisions of these rules, every member of the Board other than an ex-officio member shall hold office for a period of two years;

Provided that a member of Parliament shall hold office for a period of two years or so long as he continues to be a member of the House which he represents whichever is less.

6. Casual Vacancies --- A casual vacancy in the office of member shall be filled by nomination or appointment, as the case may be, and a member so nominated or appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office for so long only as the member whose place he fills would have continued to hold office if the vacancy had not occurred.

7. Resignation by member of the Board -- A member may resign his office by letter under his hand address to the Chairman but he shall continue in office until his resignation is accepted by the Chairman.

8. Removal of members from office --- The Central Government may at any time remove from office any member of the Board ---

- (a) if he is continuously absent from India for a period of more than twelve months and has not obtained the permission of the Chairman for such absence.
- (b) If he absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Board without the permission of the Chairman;
- (c) If he is an undischarged insolvent;
- (d) If he is convicted of an offence which, in opinion of the Central Government, involves moral turpitude.
- (e) If in the opinion of the Central Government, he has ceased to represent the interest on whose behalf he was appointed;
- (f) If, in the opinion of the Central Government, it is for any other reason to be recorded in writing, not desirable that he should continue to be a member.

9. Suspension of representation on the Board of Bodies or Associations --- if, after such enquiry as it may deem necessary, the Central Government is of the opinion that any body or association which is represented on the Board has acted or is acting in a manner prejudicial to the interest of seafarers generally, it may be order, suspend the representation of that body or association for such period as may be specified in that order.

10. Register of Members ---- There shall be maintained a Register in which the names, and address of all members shall be entered; any change of address of a member shall also be entered in the register.

11. Secretary of the Board --- (1) The Deputy Director General of Shipping in charge of Seamen's Welfare, who is an Ex-officio member of the Board under rule 4 shall also functions Secretary to the Board.

(2) The duties of the Secretary shall be :

- (a) to convene, under the directions of the Chairman meetings of the Board or of any Committee of the Board;
- (b) to maintain the Minute Book and the register of members;
- (c) to assist the Chairman in the discharge of his functions; and
- (d) to undertake such other duties may from time to time be entrusted to him by the Board.

12. Meetings – (1) The Board shall meet ordinarily once in six months and may if necessary , meet at shorter intervals.

(2) An extraordinary meeting of the Board shall be convened if not less than five members send a written requisition to the Chairman stating the object for which the meeting is proposed.

(3) Every meeting shall be held on such date and at such time and place as the Chairman may fix.

(4) Every meeting shall be presided over by the Chairman or in his absence by the Vice-Chairman or in the absence of both, by the Director General of Shipping, or, if he is also absent, the members present, shall elect one from amongst themselves to preside over the meeting.

13. Notice of meetings – (1) Notice of the place and the date and time of each meeting shall be sent to the members at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting;

Provided that a shorter notice may be given in cases where, in the opinion of the Chairman, the meeting has to take place urgently.

(2) A notice under sub-rule (1) may be delivered either by hand or sent by registered post to the last known address of the member.

14. Agenda --- Along with the notice of meeting referred to in rule 13, a list of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting shall be sent to every member, and no business which is not on the list, shall be transacted at the meeting except with the permission of the Chairman.

15. Quorum ----- (1) The quorum for a meeting shall be fifteen.

(2) If at any time there is no quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned to a later date, such date being not earlier than fourteen days from the date of the original meetings; and business may be transacted at the adjourned meeting whether or not there is quorum.

16. Procedure at meeting -- (1) A member desiring discussion on any proposal shall give written notice thereof to the Secretary at least seven days before the date fixed for the meeting.

(2) The member presiding at a meeting shall regulate the conduct of the meeting and shall have power to fix the time limit for speeches.

17. Voting – (1) --- Any question arising for decision by the Board shall be decided at a meeting of the Board by a meeting of the Board by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting and in case of an equality of votes, the presiding member shall have and exercise a second or casting vote.

(2) All votes shall be by show of hands.

18. Minutes of Meetings -- (1) The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board shall be drawn up by the Secretary and circulated to all the members of the Board present in India and the minutes along with any amendments suggested shall be placed for confirmation at the next meeting of the Board.

(2) After the minutes are confirmed and signed by the Chairman or the Member who presided at the meeting they shall be recorded in Minutes' Book which shall be kept open for inspection of the members at all times during office hours of the Board.

19. Recommendations -- Decisions arrived at by the Board requiring any further action shall be recorded in form of recommendations to be forwarded to the Ministry of Transport & Communications Department of Transport (Transport Wing), New Delhi.

20. Non-Member attending meetings -- The Chairman may invite any person to be present at any meeting to participate in the discussion but such persons shall not be entitled to vote.

21. Sub- Committees -- The Board may appoint one or more sub-committees, standing or otherwise, to examine and report on any specific problem or problems referred to such Committees.

22. Travelling and daily allowances, etc. of members -- The members of the Board and of any sub-committee thereof shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowance in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F. 6 (26)0E.IV/59, dated the 5th September, 1960, as amended from time to time.

23. Controlling Office for the purposes of sanctioning Travelling and Daily Allowance - The Director General shall be the Controlling Officer in respect of travelling allowances and daily allowance for the non-official members of the Board.

[No.6-MT(40)/60]

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Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India