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नाविक रोजगार कार्यालय, चेन्नई/ SEAMEN'S EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, CHENNAI.

F. No. SEO/CHN/Royal Atlas/2024

दिनांक:- 03.02.2026

सेवा में,
मेसर्स रॉयल एटलस मरीन प्राइवेट लिमिटेड
नं. 63/1, प्रथम मंजिल, के एस आर्केड,
विराट नगर मेन रोड, बोम्मनहल्ली,
बैंगलोर, बैंगलोर साउथ – 560068

विषय: आदेश।

महोदय,

पत्र संख्या:- SEO/CHN/Royal Atlas/2024 दिनांक: 03.02.2026 आप के सूचनार्थ तथा आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु अग्रेषित किया जाता है।

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ORDER

Whereas, M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd., located at No. 63/1, 1stFloor, K S Arcade, Virat Nagar Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore, Bangalore South – 560068, was issued with a Recruitment and Placement Service License bearing No. RPSL-CHN-162280 valid from 29.10.2024 to 29.10.2029 by the Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Chennai, under the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016, promulgated vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 169(E) dated 15.02.2016.

2. Whereas, the vessel Katsuya was abandoned at Singapore on 01.08.2025 with 20 Indian seafarers onboard, including 07 recruited by M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd. RPSL reported to the Directorate that all 07 seafarers had been repatriated on 15.09.2025 with 07 Seafarers NOC and their acknowledgements for having received the salary. However, Shri. Raj Goswami filed a grievance on 13.10.2025 claiming that he was still onboard but the company updated his sign off in online, which he later withdrew. Upon detailed scrutiny, it was found that 03 seafarers—Shri Rohit, Shri Raj Goswami, and Shri Kumar Sawan—remained onboard until 23.10.2025 and signed off at Galle, Sri Lanka. Their CDC and online records had been deliberately updated to show sign-off and arrival in India in September 2025. Additionally RPSL misreported this office that the complainant had lost his original documents while travelling to his hometown.

3. Whereas, a Show Cause Notice (SCN) vide letter No. SEO/CHN/Royal Atlas/2024 dated 13.11.2025 was issued to M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd. for incorrectly updating the sign-off details of 03 seafarers while they were still onboard the vessel until 23.10.2025 and arrived in India only on 24.10.2025 which is in violation of Rules 5(1)(a), 5(1)(f) and 5(1)(n) of the MS (RPS) Rules, 2016. The company response to the SCN, as well as their submissions during the hearing, were found to be unsatisfactory. The company has consistently taken the plea that they were unaware of the incident and place the entire blame on the then Crew Manager.

4. Whereas, on scrutiny of records, submissions, and evidence, the following serious violations and lapses are established:

- a) The sign-off details of the concerned seafarers were falsely updated in the system while they were still onboard the vessel, amounting to tampering with official records.

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- b) The company Directors or the Fleet Manager (Authorized Signatory) Mr. Hitesh Darji who was present in India during this period has failed to exercise supervision and control over the Crew Manager resulting in systemic misuse of the RPSL license.
- c) The Directors failed to monitor the registered official email leads to misuse and issuing manipulated documents, which clearly establish the failure of internal controls and lack of compliance oversight by the Directors. Or knowingly this is allowed by the RPSL but claiming to be unaware
- d) Despite being aware of the document tampering and misreporting, the Director of RPSL Dr.SreejithBabu vide email dated 19.10.2025 requested time to obtain the documents from the seafarers citing the Diwali holidays and the Crew manager was terminated 20.10.2025. Here, RPSL willfully suppressed these facts and disclosed only in reply to the Show Cause Notice dated 28.11.2025.
- e) The termination letter dated 20.10.2025 in respect of Mr. Ajo Simon S. is not acknowledged by the concerned individual.
- f) The police complaint was filed only on 19.12.2025, i.e., after the DSEO hearing, clearly indicating that the same was an afterthought intended to avoid regulatory consequences and to cover up the fabrication and falsification
- g) The submission of forged documents and false status reports directly affects the rights, welfare, and protection of seafarers.
- h) The repeated acts of falsification, misreporting, suppression of facts and deliberate delay in disclosure clearly establish willful, conscious and intentional misconduct on the part of the RPSL, and not by any clerical or procedural lapse.
- i) The license application RPSL/ARN/2024/10682 on 29/10/2024, of this Co was approved with the following instruction.

4. Whereas, the license application No. RPSL/ARN/2024/10682 dated 29.10.2024 of M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd. was approved with the specific condition that "RPSL shall ensure that appropriate and valid documents are uploaded in all fields of RPSL module including ship documents with its verification details prior to deployment of seafarers."

5. Whereas, even after **381 days**, and until blocking of online privileges on 14.11.2025, the company failed to upload/update the following mandatory documents:

- a) MoA and AoA.
- b) Shareholding pattern.
- c) GST registration document.

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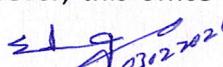
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- d) Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year 2025.
- e) Scanned copy of the Income Tax Returns.
- f) DGS Approved medical predictioner details.
- g) Form VII and the manning agreement are not on the employer letterhead for all employers.
- h) The manning agreement has not been uploaded for the employer Hengshan Marine In.
- i) The designation of the employer is not mentioned in Form VII for the employers M/s Massi Shipping LLC and M/s Ozarka Shipping Fzco.
- j) FSUI CBA reference is mentioned in the manning agreement; however, the uploaded has been signed by the employer and RPSL and not by the union concern.
- k) Vessel list was also not mentioned in the manning agreement for employer M/s Massi Shipping LLC & Shipex Management Pvt Ltd.
- l) The CBA reference was not found in the manning agreement for the employer M/s Ozarka Shipping Fzco.
- m) In the SEA, the FSUI reference is mentioned, but the uploaded CBA is ITF/TCC CBA which is not authenticated by seafarers unions, hence invalid.
- n) The uploaded CBA (not signed by any Seafarers union) has expired for all vessels, hence invalid.
- o) MLC has expired for the vessel MT Katsuya.
- p) FSD and P&I have expired for the vessel MT Bitumax.
- q) RO seal and signature are not authenticated in DMLC II for the vessel MT Katsuya.

6. Whereas, the above acts constitute serious violations of the RPSL license conditions, the Merchant Shipping (RPSL) Rules, 2016, and the directions of this office. The conduct of the RPSL demonstrates lack of integrity, transparency, and reliability, rendering the company unfit to continue as a licensed Recruitment and Placement Agency.

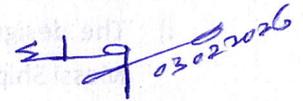
7. In view of above, the Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Chennai, under the Rule 12 of the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016, hereby withdraw the Recruitment and Placement License bearing No. RPSL-CHN-162280 issued to M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd, permanently with immediate effect. However, M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd. will continue to remain liable for the seafarers who have already been recruited by them.

8. The original BG shall be returned post compliance of all the requisite formalities such as submission of NOC from SPFO & SWFS, and payment of statutory dues. However, this office reserves the right to revoke the Bank Guarantee as per the rule.


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9. If M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd., is aggrieved by this Order, may within a period of thirty days (30 days) of receipt of this Order, appeal to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Chennai, being the First Appellate Authority in accordance with Rule 19(1) of Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016 [it may be noted that Rule 18 mentioned under Rule 19(1) of MS (RPS), Rules, 2016 is to be read as Rule 12 in view of typographical error in Gazette Notification G.S.R. 169(E) dated 15.02.2016].

 03.02.2026

(Rm. Elango)
Director

To

M/s Royal Atlas Marine Pvt. Ltd.
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Bangalore, Bangalore South – 560068.

Copy to:

1. The Director General of Shipping, Mumbai.
2. The DDG (E-Governance), DG Shipping,
3. Computer Cell, DG Shipping, Mumbai – with request to publish the same on DGS website.
4. The Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai/Mumbai/Kolkata/Kochi/Kandla.
5. The Director, SEO, Mumbai/Kolkata.
6. The Shipping Master, Govt. Shipping Office, Chennai/Mumbai/Kolkata.
7. The Registrar of Companies, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Block No. 6, B Wing, 2nd Floor, Shastri Bhawan 26, Haddows Road, Chennai – 600 034.