



## भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पत्नन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS नीवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, Mumbai



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Urgent Advisory for Indian Recruiting Agencies/Companies and Indian Seafarers

In light of the advisories issued by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) vide DGS Circular No 25 of 2023; 27 of 2023 and 08 of 2024 concerning maritime security in the Iran and Israel region, and in continuation of the advisory of the Ministry of External Affairs regarding the current situation in this area, the Directorate General of Shipping urge all Indian registered Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers (RPS) Agencies and the Shipping Companies to exercise utmost caution and refrain from facilitating the engagement or deployment of Indian national seafarers to Iran or Israel until further notice from the Ministry of External Affairs.

This advisory is issued considering the security risks and potential hazards associated with operating in the vicinity of Iran and Israel, as highlighted in the aforementioned DGS circulars. It is imperative that the safety and well-being of our seafarers remain our top priority.

Furthermore, the Directorate General of Shipping strongly advise the RPSL Companies and the Shipping Companies to direct Indian seafarers currently employed or engaged on board vessels sailing in the vicinity of Iran or Israel to promptly contact the nearest Indian Embassy and complete the formal registration process without delay. This is crucial to ensure that adequate support and assistance can be provided to them in case of any emergency or unforeseen circumstances.

Directorate General of Shipping emphasize the importance of exercising extreme caution and limiting movement to essential tasks only, considering the volatile security situation in the region. It is our collective responsibility to ensure the safety and security of our seafarers, and we appreciate your cooperation and compliance with this advisory.

For any further queries or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Directorate General of Shipping.

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