MINUTES OF THE 116TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD HELD AT HOTEL GRAND BAY, VISAKHAPATNAM ON 22ND JUNE, 2011.

The 116th Meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) was held under the Chairmanship of Capt. PVK Mohan on 22nd June, 2011 at Hotel Grand Bay, Visakhapatnam. List of those present in the meeting is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

2. The meeting began with Ganesh Vandana by the staff of Visakhapatnam Port Trust which was followed by the presentation of floral bouquets by the Chairman, VPT to Hon'ble Chairman, Members of Parliament and the members of NSB. In his welcome address, the Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, thanked the Chairman, NSB for giving him an opportunity to host this meeting at Visakhapatnam and expressed his confidence that the meeting would be fruitful.

3. Chairman, NSB in his welcome address informed that he has been associated with the NSB for more than 11 years in the capacity of a Member and as Chairman, for the last 3 years. He stated that one of the main issues to be deliberated in this meeting is the problem of piracy being encountered by shipping industry all over the world. He informed that the pirates are using a new modus operandi while handling the seafarers under captivity and there are reports of incidents of torture and inhuman treatment of innocent seafarers by the pirates. He also informed that the pirates have now developed the strategy of not releasing the seafarers even after receiving ransom. He further stated that in a recent case, 7 of our Indian Seafarers are kept in captivity of pirates even after receiving the ransom amount and all efforts are being made to resolve the issue. He further outlined a significant development wherein the Govt. had contracted the deployment of one Emergency Towing Vessel (ETV), on the west coast and another is expected to be deployed on the east coast from next year.

7. Concluding the meeting, Chairman, NSB thanked Hon'ble members of Parliament, other members and special invitees for their valuable contribution and recapitulated the deliberations in the following resolutions of the Board.

8. **Resolution of the 116th meeting of NSB :**

a) Shipping Corporation of India to appoint Consultant to study various feasible arguments to support the case of income tax waiver for Indian Seafarers. A delegation of NSB members led by Hon'ble Union Shipping Minister to meet the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for a favourable decision on waiver of income tax for Indian Seafarers.

(Action :S.C.I. / NSB)

b) MMD Office at Visakhapatnam to be upgraded to full MMD strength under Principal Officer so that all functions including examination of all grades could be conducted at Visakhapatnam. Proposal already submitted by DG Shipping to Ministry of Shipping for upgrading the existing MMD offices and to establish new field offices to cater to ever increasing shipping traffic through new ports, to be approved expeditiously by Ministry of Shipping.

(Action : Ministry of Shipping)

c) A sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Joint Director General of Shipping with participants of INSA and Capt. R. Tandon to be set up for taking the subject of awareness of seafaring profession, including considering to provide employment opportunities to those with fishery background but with limited formal education and financial support.

(Action :Jt. D.G / INSA / Capt. R. Tandon)

Annexure-I

List of Members and Special Invitees participated in the 116th Meeting of the National Shipping Board held on 22nd June, 2011 at 0900 hours at Vishakapatnam Port Trust, Vishakapatnam.

Sr. No.	Name of the Member/Special Invitee	Name of Organization represented	Signature
1.	Capt. P.V.K.Mohan	Chairman, National Shipping Board.	
2.	Capt. H. Khatri.	Member Secy, NSB.	
3.	Deepak Shetty IRS	Joint Director General Shipping GOI, Mumbai	22/06/11
4.	CAPT. RAJESH JANDON MANAGING DIRECTOR	V. SHIPS INDIA	22/06/2011
5.	CAPT SANDEEP BEECHA CO, INS Rajput Indian Navy.	CO INS Rajput (IN)	
6.	CDR GAGAN KAUSHAL CPLO / HAENC	HAENC	
7.	DIG M A THALHA ~~COMMANDER COASTGUARD (AP)~~	COMMANDER COASTGUARD Andhra pradesh.	
8.	A Gowardhana Rao	Indian Ports Association	
9.	I. AHMED	Indian Ports Association New Delhi	
10.	G.S. Bhalla	ICCSA chairman President SCI Retd Senior VP.	22/06/11
11.	M Chandra Sekhara Rao	MERCANTILE Marine Dept VISAKHAPATNAM – DG Shipping	
12.	S. HAJARA	PRESIDENT, INSA & CMD, SCI	
13.	K.B Shanappa	MP (RS)	
14	Hamdullah Sayeed	MP (LS)	
15	A. SAMPATH.	M.P. (L.S)	22/6/11.
16	R. RAJAMOHAN	Member NSB	
17	N Raja	Member NSB	
18	SANDEEP CHANDRA	Member N.S.B.	

19	DR. M. K. PANDHE	Member NSB	MK Pandhe
20	MARUTI. RETHREKAR	Vice President. NVSI - MUMBAI	
21	H. Bharucha	The Maritime Union of India	H Bharucha
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