**MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD (NSB) HELD ON 12th JUNE 2026 FROM NSB's OFFICE NEW DELHI IN VIRTUAL MODE**

The 34th Meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) was held on 12th June 2026 from NSB's office at New Delhi in virtual mode.

The list of online participants / attendees is as follows**:**

**Attendees**

**Board Members:**

1. Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi
2. Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai
3. Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association
4. Shri Milind Kandalgaokar, General Secretary, National Union of Seafarers of India, Mumbai
5. Shri Pankaj Verma, DIG, Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi
6. Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai
7. Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi
8. Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai
9. Capt. Vikas Anand, Indian Navy, New Delhi
10. Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai
11. Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI
12. Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai

**Board Member absent with prior leave of absence:**

13. Ms. Esha Srivastava, Joint Secretary (IC), MoPNG

**Board Member absent without prior leave of absence:**

14. CMD CSL Kochi

**Ex Board Members whose substitutes are yet to be placed by the Government:**

15. Shri Ajith Sukumaran, Ex CS DGS Shipping Mumbai (VRS)
16. Shri Mandeep Singh Randhawa, Ex In-charge Maritime Administration Division, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, New Delhi (Repatriated to his parent cadre)

**Member Secretary:**

17. Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary NSB

**Permanent Invitees:**

18. DG Shipping Mumbai (Representative absent)
19. Chairman IWAI (Representative absent)

**Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai:**

20. Shri Jitendra Jadhav, ADG National Shipping Board
21. Shri Shubham Jain, Consultant DGS
22. Ms. Shriya S Khelurkar, Consultant DGS

**Date 12.06.2026 / Regular Session : 11.00 A.M. to 03.30 P.M**.

**1. Opening Remarks and Attendance:**

**1.1.** The meeting commenced with **Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB**, taking the attendance of Board Members and invitees joining the virtual meeting.

**1.2. Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** opened the meeting and highlighted the need for regular attendance of the NSB members in the board meetings and their engagement with the invited stakeholders. He stated that since the NSB meets once in 45 days and that the meeting notices indicating dates & venue are circulated three weeks in advance, it is therefore expected that members keep the dates of the meeting free. He observed that on numerous occasions members have either been unavailable for the full meeting or have sought leave of absence at the last minute after arrangements, including hotel bookings, have already been made, resulting in avoidable cancellation costs to the Government. He stated that this would be the last time he would raise this issue and that, going forward, it is expected that the members will honour their commitment towards the board meetings.

**1.3.** He further noted that while many board members prefer attending meetings only online due to official engagements, it is observed that many of them remained absent for substantial portions of the meeting with cameras switched off, which is not acceptable, as the Government has reposed faith in the members by appointing them to the Board. He stated that the responsibility of engaging with stakeholders and other Ministries should not fall on only three or four members, and that this is a collective responsibility of the Board. He added that with the forthcoming NSB Annual Report 2025-2026 displaying attendance records of the members, repeated absence of the members would become part of the public record and reflect poorly on the Board. He requested that members who are unable to devote adequate time to the Board should kindly convey their inability to attend NSB meetings citing reasons to the Government so that alternate nominations could be considered.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 11-12 May 2026 at Tuticorin:**

2.1. The minutes of the last meeting which was held on 11/05/2026 and 12/05/2026 at Mumbai (the minutes of were circulated to the members of the Board) were considered and confirmed as no comments to the contrary were received after the circulation of the minutes as informed by Secretary NSB. The Secretary NSB was advised by the Board to upload the confirmed minutes on the NSB weblink on the DG Shipping Website.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**3. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 30/05/2025:**

3.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 30/05/2025 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure I.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**4. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 16/07/2025:**

4.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 16/07/2025 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure II.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**5. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 25/08/2025:**

5.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 25/08/2025 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure III.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**6. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 06-07/10/2025:**

6.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 06-07/10/2025 was presented before the Board. The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to treat action as complete as no action points remain pending.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**7. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 13-14/11/2025:**

6.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 13-14/11/2025 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure IV.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**8. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 18- 19/12/2025:**

8.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 18-19/12/2025 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure V.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**9. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 26- 27/02/2026:**

9.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 26-27/02/2026 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure VI.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**10. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 10/03/2026:**

10.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 10/03/2026 was presented before the Board**.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to treat action as complete as no action points remain pending.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**11. Status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 16-17/04/2026:**

11.1. The status of the action taken on the minutes of the meeting held on 16-17/04/2026 was presented before the Board as given in **Annexure VII.** The Board perused the status of the action taken and advised the Secretary NSB to update the status on the unfinished action points in the next meeting.

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**12. NSB Rules 2026 as notified on 20.05.2026:**

12.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi**, informed the Board that the NSB Rules, 2026 have been notified by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways vide Gazette Notification dated 20th May 2026. He stated that while the Ministry's efforts in notifying the rules were appreciated, certain provisions had been notified in a manner different from what had been recommended by the Board in its Draft Rules 2025, and that these differences **(Annexure VIII)** are needed to be discussed.

**12.2. Time Gap Between Constitution of Consecutive Boards and Tenure of the Board:**

12.2.1. The Chairperson stated that the Board had recommended that the tenure of the Board be increased from two years to three years, and that there should be no gap between the constitution of two consecutive Boards, with the existing Board continuing until the new Board is constituted. He noted that, instead, the Gazette Notification has retained the tenure of the Board at two years, with a provision that the existing board shall continue to function till successive board is constituted subject to maximum of six months. But it fails to mention that there be no gap between successive Boards. The notified Rule (3) reads as under:

> ***"……***
> ***3. Establishment of Board. —*** *(1) The Central Government shall, by notification, establish a Board with the composition as specified in sub-section (2) of section 4 for a period of two years in the first instance and shall thereafter re-establish the Board at the end of every two years:*
> *Provided that where the Board is not established by the Central Government upon the expiry of two years from the date of its establishment or re-establishment, the existing Board shall continue to function till the successive board is constituted, subject to a maximum period of six months.*
> ***……"***

He clarified that the current Board, having been constituted under the old Act, has a term of two years, and that the Board's recommendation pertains to the tenure of future Boards. He sought the views of members on the matter.

12.2.2. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** stated that a longer tenure allows greater continuity of effort, as a two-year term is often consumed in members familiarising themselves with issues and following up with Government agencies, which inherently move slowly. He stated that the sub-committees constituted by the Board, which are working on roadmaps and reports,

would require sustained effort over a period exceeding two years, and that he supported a three-year term for future Boards.

12.2.3. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai,** stated that he was associated with the drafting of the NSB rules 2025 along with Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB, and that the recommendation for a three-year term, with continuity until the new Board is constituted, as was the Board's original suggestion was incorporated in the draft NSB Rules 2025. He cited the example of other statutory bodies of the Government of India, such as the Khadi Board, the Coir Board and the Film Censor Board, which have three-year terms, noting that this precedent recognises that a board requires sufficient time to produce results.

12.2.4. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai**, stated that, based on his eleven years of association with the Ministry, a two-year term is too short a period for any major change or decision-making process to show results, and that a minimum tenure of three years would be more productive for future Boards.

12.2.5. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi**, supported the recommendation of a three-year tenure and added that continuity of the Board until the constitution of the next Board is equally important, as a gap between successive Boards could otherwise lead the Board's functioning into disarray, with continuity being lost during the intervening period.

12.2.6. **Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association,** and **Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI**, also expressed support for a three-year tenure with continuity of the Board until the constitution of the next Board.

12.2.7. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** observed that the M.s Act 2025 does not mention any specific term for the board and instead it leaves it to the Government to prescribe the term of the Board via rules to be framed under the M.S. Act 2025. It was observed that the Board's recommendation for a three-year term did not appear to have been examined or discussed with the Board before the Gazette Notification was issued. He stated that it should be ascertained at what level this decision was taken.

12.2.8. **The Board unanimously agreed to reiterate its recommendation that the tenure of future Boards should be a minimum of three years, with the existing Board continuing in office until the new Board is constituted, and to include this recommendation in the NSB Annual Report 2025-26.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**12.3. Secretarial Assistance to the Board and Headquarters of the Board:**

12.3.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that the recommendations of the Board on

Secretarial Assistance to the Board and on declaring New Delhi as the Headquarters of the Board have been accepted and incorporated in the NSB Rules, 2026, and that there is accordingly no issue on these two provisions. The provisions read as under:

> ***"……..***
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> ***8. Secretarial assistance to Board****. — (1) The Board shall be provided with adequate secretarial assistance by the Director - General.*
> *(2) The Director-General shall appoint such staff as may be required for the work of the Board, which shall form part of the establishment of the Director-General.*
> *(3) The salaries, allowances, and other expenditure incurred thereon shall be met from the budget of the office of the Director-General.*
> ***……..."***

*and*

> ***"……***
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> ***9. Headquarters of Board.*** *— (1) The headquarters of the Board shall be located at New Delhi.*
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> *(2) The Central Government shall provide office premises to the Board for the purpose of discharging its functions under the Act and these rules.*
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> ***……."***

12.3.2. **The Board unanimously agreed to convey its gratitude to the Government for incorporation of these provisions in the rules.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**12.4. Term and Service Conditions of the Chairperson and Members of the Board:**

12.4.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** highlighted the provisions made in the NSB Rules, 2026 relating to the service conditions of the Chairperson and members of the Board. He stated that the Board had recommended that the Chairperson and members of the board should be aware, well before joining the Board, about the terms and conditions of their appointment, including their rank equivalence, He noted that, instead, the notified rules provide that the Government would specify the terms and conditions of the Chairperson by way of an executive order, rather than through a notified rule contrary to what is prescribed in the M.S. Act 2025. He further stated that the board had recommended that the members of the Board with fifteen to twenty years of experience in the maritime sector who are presently treated at the level of Under Secretary for the purposes of entitlements should be treated at par with government officers of sufficient seniority in the board (not below

the rank of Director/ Joint Secretary) given their maritime experience but in the notified rules the position has not changed. The provisions read as under:

> **"……..**
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> ***10. Service conditions of Chairperson of Board -*** *The remuneration and other facilities admissible to the Chairperson of the Board shall be such as may be specified by the Central Government, by way of order, from time to time.*
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> *……..."*

*and*

> *"…….*
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> ***11. Travelling and daily allowances of members****. — (1) The members of the Board shall be entitled to travelling and daily allowances as specified in Schedule I.*
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> *(2) The Director - General or the Additional Director - General shall be the Controlling Officer in respect of travelling allowance and daily allowance for the non-official members of the Board.*
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> *……."*

12.4.2. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai, and Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai,** stated that clarity on terms and conditions prior to joining is necessary for clarity of operations, and that on other boards on which they have served, such terms are clearly defined and communicated in advance, whereas in the case of the NSB the position remains vague and ambiguous.

12.4.3. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** agreed with the Chairperson's observation and stated that this also affects the independent functioning of the Chairperson and the Board, since the NSB is intended to advise the Minister and provide an independent channel of communication. He suggested that this concern regarding the impact on the independence of the Board be specifically recorded in the Board's recommendation.

12.4.4. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai,** supported the suggestion, stating that the principles of natural justice require that a person know the terms of their appointment in advance, even if by reference to an existing grade or pay level, rather than being left to the discretion of the authority concerned.

12.4.5. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** further suggested that the Board should record that no consultations were carried out with the Chairperson, NSB, or the Board before the changes were made to the recommendations submitted by the Board, unlike the practice

followed by DG Shipping itself when framing rules, where stakeholders are consulted through draft notifications before finalisation. **Shri Rakesh Singh President ICCSA** clarified that, during the drafting process, he and Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB, had kept the Chairperson informed of the version being recommended, but that it was not clear whether any subsequent communication regarding changes had been conveyed to the Board. It was informed that changes have been carried out unilaterally without any discussions. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** observed that, regardless, nothing had been communicated in writing to the Chairperson or the Board regarding the reasons for the changes made.

12.4.6. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi,** suggested that this and other administrative issues relating to the Board be taken up in a separate meeting with the Ministry, and that during the Board's forthcoming interaction with the Hon'ble Minister, the Minister be requested to direct the Ministry to engage with NSB members to resolve such administrative matters.

12.4.7. The Board felt that, as per the Act, the terms and conditions of the Chairperson and members are required to be specified by a notified rule, which carries the benefit of being a public document known to all. The Board stated that, by substituting a rule with an executive order, the independence of the Board stands diminished, since an order can be modified administratively without the safeguards attached to a Gazette-notified rule. **The Board unanimously agreed that the issue regarding the manner in which the provisions on service conditions of the Chairperson and members have been notified, the consequent impact on the independence of the Board, and the request for according members the status now below the rank of Director / Joint Secretary (depending upon the Maritime experience) for entitlement purposes, should be taken up with the Ministry, and that these issues should not be glossed over.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**13. Proposed Organisation Structure of the NSB Secretariat:**

13.1**. Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that, although the NSB has been in existence since 1958, with the first constitution on 1st March 1959, no formal organisational structure for the NSB Secretariat has ever been put in place. He stated that he was placing before the Board a proposed organisation structure so that groundwork is laid for future Boards.

13.2. The Chairperson referred to Rule 8 of the NSB Rules, 2026, on Secretarial Assistance to the Board, which provides as under:

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***8. Secretarial assistance to Board. —*** *(1) The Board shall be provided with adequate secretarial assistance by the Director - General.*

*(2) The Director-General shall appoint such staff as may be required for the work of the Board, which shall form part of the establishment of the Director-General.*

*(3) The salaries, allowances, and other expenditure incurred thereon shall be met from the budget of the office of the Director-General.*

*……."*

The Board shall be provided adequate secretarial assistance by the Director General, that the Director General shall appoint such staff as may be required for the work of the Board as part of the establishment of the Director General, and that the salaries, allowances and other expenditure shall be met from the budget of the office of the Director General. He stated that this is not an additional responsibility but a statutory obligation of DG Shipping, He requested Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB, to read out these provisions for the benefit of the Board.

13.3. **Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB**, confirmed that, at present, the NSB Secretariat has only one outsourced staff member, and that a formal request for additional staff would need to be filed.

13.4. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** then presented the proposed structure **(Annexure IX**), under which the Chairperson would be supported by an NSB Secretariat with two wings, one in New Delhi and one in Mumbai. He stated that the Mumbai wing, headed by the Secretary, NSB, would handle statutory duties vested in Secretary NSB as per Rule (7) of NSB rules 2026 and matters requiring coordination with DG Shipping, including IT, Finance, Procurement and Technical inputs. The Rule (7) reads as under:

**"…….**

**7. Secretary of Board.** — (1) The Central Government shall appoint one of the members of the Board or any other
person as Secretary of the Board.
(2) The Secretary shall be under the general control of the Board and shall assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his
functions, including—
(a) convening meetings of the Board under the directions of the Chairperson;
(b) maintaining the minute books of the Board; and
(c) performing other duties as entrusted by the Board.
**……."**

For the Delhi wing, which will look after day to day administration of NSB works, he proposed that, in addition to the Chairperson, there be one officer in the rank of Director / Deputy Secretary (designated as OSD-I) and one officer in the rank of Under Secretary (designated as OSD-II), so that they could handle day to day matters relating to the Ministries / Departments when the Chairperson is away from Hqrs. on official duties. He further proposed one Private Secretary of the rank of Section Officer, four Administrative Assistants (two Sr. A.A. and two Jr. A.A.), three Multi-Tasking Staff, and provision for hired consultants where required for preparation of reports, etc. He sought the comments of the Board on the proposed structure, with a view to formally proposing the same to DG Shipping for further action.

13.5. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai, on behalf of INSA**, supported the proposed structure without any modification, stating that it would bring continuity and order to the functioning of the NSB regardless of who occupies the position of Chairperson in future.

13.6. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai,** sought clarification regarding the existing office establishment of the NSB in Delhi and raised the issue that, on visiting the office premises, NSB members' identity cards are not recognised at the building gate, requiring assistance from inside to obtain a gate pass. The Chairperson clarified that a small office has also been established within the premises of the Shipping Corporation of India at Janpath, New Delhi where no IDs are needed. The members requiring access to his chamber in Transport Bhawan New Delhi should contact his Private Secretary, posted in the Ministry, who would arrange the necessary pass.

13.7. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai,** while supporting the proposed structure for Delhi, suggested that within DG Shipping, Mumbai, a small designated area or cell be earmarked for NSB so that members visiting DG Shipping Mumbai for NSB-related work have a defined space to sit and conduct discussions, rather than having to use the cabins of other officers. Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB, acknowledged the suggestion and stated that this requirement would be taken into account in the new office that DG Shipping is planning to construct**. Shri Jitendra Jadhav, Assistant DG, National Shipping Board, DG Shipping,** informed the Board that DG Shipping has four conference halls of varying capacities that could be made available for NSB meetings as required.

**13.8. The Board unanimously approved the proposed organisation structure of the NSB Secretariat as presented by the Chairperson, NSB for being formally taken up with DG Shipping.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**14. Office Accommodation for the Board in New Delhi:**

14.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi, referred to Rule 9 of the NSB Rules, 2026,** which provides that the headquarters of the Board shall be located in New Delhi and that the Central Government shall provide office premises to the Board for discharging its functions. He stated that this provision did not exist for the past sixty years and has now been included pursuant to the Board's recommendation.

14.2. He presented to the Board with the office space entitlement for the NSB Secretariat as per the **Office Memorandum No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of the Director of Estates, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India,** indicating a total entitlement of 3,000 square feet **(Annexure X)** covering the Chairperson, OSD-I, OSD-II, Private Secretary, Administrative Assistants, Multi-Tasking Staff, a Conference Room, Visitor Room, Common Room for hired consultants, Common Room for members, Pantry, Reception, Store Room, Toilets ,Record Room etc. He compared this with the space presently available to the NSB, which totals 580 square feet across the Ministry and the premises of Shipping Corporation of India, including a shared space of 320 square feet with SCI, against the entitlement of 3,000 square feet.

14.3. He informed the Board that, since assuming charge, he has faced considerable difficulty in securing office space, as neither the Ministry nor the DG Shipping accepted the responsibility for providing the same. With lot of persuasion initially a small room in Transport Bhawan New Delhi and later an additional space of 580 sq. ft. was provided by MoPSW in the SCI office at Janpath New Delhi. He stated that the present arrangement at Shipping Corporation of India remains unauthorised in the absence of a formal allocation order from MoPSW despite repeated correspondence. He stated that, with the responsibility now placed squarely on the Central Government under Rule (9), he proposed to seek the approval of the Board for requisitioning a separate office space of 3,000 square feet, if necessary, on a rental basis, so that the matter could be formally taken up with MoPSW.

14.4. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** stated that the Chairperson has looked at the matter comprehensively and that a proper office for the Chairperson and the Secretariat is the first step towards an empowered NSB. Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi, agreed that, as a starting point, suitable premises at a good location should be identified on a rental basis at the earliest. and assured the Board of his support in pursuing the matter within the Ministry.

**14.5. The Board unanimously agreed to take up with MoPSW to requisition a dedicated office space of 3,000 square feet for the NSB Secretariat in New Delhi, on a rental basis.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**15. Status of untraced old NSB Meeting Records (2018-2020):**

15.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** raised the issue of reconciling the numbering of NSB meetings held prior to the COVID-19 disruption in 2020, noting that records of meetings from 2020 onwards, together with some records of the fifteen meetings preceding COVID obtained with the help of Shri Anil Devli CEO INSA (being NSB Member in many previous Boards) have been uploaded on the NSB website. He stated that the records for the period 2018 to 2020 remain untraced, and that based on the records shared by Shri Anil Devli, the last identifiable meeting prior to this gap was the **131st meeting.**

15.2. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** recalled that, during the period 2018-2020, the NSB was chaired by **Shri Pradeep Rawat, a former Member of Parliament from Maharashtra.** He held at least two meetings, including a meeting at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and a special meeting on a bunkering proposal, and that an office space for the NSB was allotted at Ballard Pier, Mumbai, during his tenure. **Shri Anil Devli CEO INSA agreed to check his own records for any minutes of meetings held during this period and share the same with the Secretariat.**

15.3. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi also advised the Secretary NSB / Shri Shubham Jain, Consultant, DGS, to examine the old office records for the period 2018 to 2020 to ascertain whether any meetings were held during this period, and to update the status in the next meeting.**

**Action: Secretary NSB / Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA**

**16. Maritime Single Window (MSW):**

16.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** recalled that, at the last meeting, Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB, had provided a status update on the Maritime Single Window and he was requested to share the relevant documents with members. It was also that a meeting would be held with the Indian Ports Association (IPA). He requested Captain Nitin Mukesh to update the Board on the current status.

16.2. **Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB**, informed the Board that a meeting with stakeholders was held the previous day, and that significant differences persist between the industry stakeholders and the IPA, particularly relating to the requirement of Excel-based submissions, where IPA has made the Excel format compulsory but the supporting attachments optional, whereas industry stakeholders have sought the reverse. He stated that approximately 50% submission compliance has been achieved over the last month, but that further work is required to make the Maritime Single Window industry-friendly.

16.3. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai**, stated that the meeting held the previous day was chaotic and that the Maritime Single Window still remains far away from practical application, with Captain Mukesh unfairly bearing the burden of an issue requiring intervention by a senior level across the maritime chain. He stated that the exercise being run by the IPA is, in the Board's assessment, not progressing.

16.4. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that the responsibility for the Maritime Single Window has moved from DG Shipping to IPA, and that, during a recent visit to a private port, he had been informed by the port's IT team that the work being done was unprofessional and that a competent IT agency, such as TCS, would be required to take this forward. He sought the views of Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, IPA, on the way forward, including whether the matter should first be taken up with IPA or escalated directly to the Hon'ble Minister.

16.5. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi**, stated that the feedback of the industry could be conveyed to the Hon'ble Minister so as to expedite the process, while he would also take up the matter with IPA directly.

16.6. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli CEO INSA suggested that Secretary NSB, extract from the previous day's meeting the specific action points and deficiencies, covering not only IPA but also the non-participation of other agencies such as Customs, Immigration and Port Health Organisation, and prepare a consolidated note.** He suggested that this note be issued by the National Shipping Board to IPA highlighting the shortfalls, with a copy to the Chairperson, so that the Chairperson could subsequently take up the matter with the Hon'ble Minister. He further suggested that, in describing the status of Customs and Immigration's participation, the note should avoid stating that the matter is "in progress" for the third consecutive year, and instead state plainly that these agencies have not come on board.

16.7. **Captain Nitin Mukesh, Secretary, NSB**, informed the Board that approximately fourteen points arising from the previous day's stakeholder meeting have been compiled, and that, with the Chairperson's approval, these would be issued as a communication from the National Shipping Board to IPA, with a copy to all NSB members. He further noted that feedback from industry indicates that the earlier MSW 1.0 had functioned satisfactorily, whereas MSW 2.0 has introduced fresh difficulties.

16.8. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi, stated that he would take up the consolidated note (to be prepared by Secretary NSB) with IPA in the first instance, and would also raise the matter with the Secretary, Department of Revenue, whom he is scheduled to meet shortly, regarding the non-participation of Customs.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**17. Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL)**

17.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that, although a meeting on the future of lighthouses was notified by MoPSW and a representative of NSB was nominated for participation, the meeting was subsequently cancelled and no further communication has been received. He stated that, once a fresh notice is received, the Board's collective views would be presented to the MoPSW.

17.2. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai**, suggested that, on issues such as DGLL where there is no single representative body comparable to other sectors, the NSB could invite suggestions from the public at large through its website, inviting stakeholders to submit views in a prescribed format. **The Chairperson NSB agreed that this was feasible, particularly for the work of the fifteen sub-committees, and stated that, given the limited time available before the Annual Report is finalised, he would invite suggestions through social media with a response window of about 15 days, while the relevant sub-committees continue their ongoing work.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**18. Regulatory Issues Concerning Coastal Shipping / RO-RO Services:**

18.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** took up the queries raised earlier by Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association, regarding regulatory issues affecting RO-RO services, and sought the status of the response from DG Shipping.

18.2. **Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association**, stated that he has reviewed the note received but found that it did not adequately address the issues raised, and reiterated that RO-RO services have not succeeded in India due to such operational and regulatory issues.

18.3. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai,** explained that the core issue concerns the classification of RO-RO vessels: since drivers accompanying trucks on board are treated as passengers, the vessel attracts classification as a passenger ship, with consequent requirements relating to Life Saving Appliances and accommodation that render such services commercially non-viable. He suggested that the matter be taken up with Shri Killi Mohana Rao, Chief Surveyor, DG Shipping, with a copy to the relevant Nautical Adviser's office, to obtain clarity on the technical and regulatory position, and **offered to engage jointly with Shri Rahul Modi and Shri Anil Devli on this issue.**

18.4. **Shri Shubham Jain, Consultant, DGS,** informed the Board that a draft note had been shared earlier and that it was agreed that the matter would be discussed further with the Nautical Adviser's office, but that such a discussion had not yet taken place.

18.5. The Board directed that an e-mail be sent by the Nautical Adviser-cum-Addl. DG (Nautical) office, with copies to the Secretariat and the concerned NSB members, so that the issue could be pursued further with the DG Shipping technical wing.

**Action: Secretary NSB / Capt. S.I. Abul Kalam Azad, Nautical Adviser / Shri Rakesh Singh President ICCSA**

**19. Ship Recycling – Workers' Issues (Gujarat):**

19.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** took up the status of the matter relating to workers' issues in the ship recycling sector, which had earlier been referred to the Government of Gujarat. Shri Shubham Jain, Consultant, DGS, informed the Board that no response has been received from the Government of Gujarat, and that the matter remains pending. **The Chairperson advised that the entire correspondence with the Government of Gujarat be shared with him so that the matter could be taken up further.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**20. Sub-Committee on Inland Waterways – Update on Engagement with IWAI**

20.1. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai, as Chair of the Sub-Committee on Development of Inland Waterways,** informed the Board that he had met Shri Sunil Palliwal, Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), who had nominated Shri Bansal in place of Shri Lakshmi Kant Rajak for coordination on this matter. He stated that the meeting covered two issues: first, the applicability of toll / tonnage tax and the role of IWAI as the Competent Authority under the relevant Act, on which IWAI acknowledged that they were previously not aware of certain provisions and undertook to prepare a draft for sharing with the stakeholders; and second, the question of the State Governments' role in issuing compliance certificates, on which IWAI indicated it would first notify its own regulatory framework before engaging with the State Maritime Boards.

20.2**.** He further informed the Board that IWAI has agreed to depute a dedicated representative to coordinate with the Sub-Committee, and that he proposed to convene a meeting shortly to brief IWAI on the Sub-Committee's work. He stated that, while the original list of 111 waterways identified for development has subsequently been narrowed to about 20, IWAI itself considers even this number difficult to achieve in practice, and that both sides have found common ground on a smaller, more achievable set of waterways with realistic potential, which would form the basis of the Sub-Committee's recommendations. He cited, as a positive development, that the stretch from Varanasi to the India-Bangladesh border at Hemnagar on National Waterway 1 now has a River Information System with electronic charts enabling round-the-clock navigation.

20.3. He also clarified, in response to an earlier statement made at a meeting in Mumbai regarding the extension of infrastructure status to inland vessels, that on verification with

IWAI it was confirmed that infrastructure status has not in fact been extended to smaller inland vessels, and that this should be noted accordingly.

**Action: Shri Rakesh Singh, President ICCSA, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Development of Inland Waterways**

**21. FFFAI – Pending Inputs on Port and Shipping Line Charges:**

21.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** sought an update on the status of inputs from the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) regarding their representations on charges levied by shipping lines and ports.

21.2. **Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association**, stated that, despite a reminder sent on 16th May 2026, the requested inputs and supporting data on pending issues from FFFAI have not been received.

21.3. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** stated that these are largely matters requiring negotiation and resolution at the level of the parties concerned rather than policy issues for the Board, and observed that, despite repeatedly raising such issues, FFFAI representatives have not attended a recent Ministry meeting convened specifically on the subject of these charges, nor provided the supporting data requested of them on multiple occasions. He stated that he had personally pointed this out to FFFAI representatives. **The Board agreed that the matter be followed up further with FFFAI for the requisite data and inputs.**

**Action: Shri Rahul Modi, President CCTA**

**22. Submission of Inputs for NSB Annual Report 2025-26 and Personal Deliverables – Dr. K. Murali:**

22.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** requested Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai, to provide his inputs for the NSB Annual Report 2025-26 and his personal deliverable on how he proposes to contribute to the working of the NSB, noting that these have not been received by the Secretariat despite repeated reminders.

22.2. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai** stated that he had earlier submitted a report relating to manpower and human resources, but acknowledged that this may not have been forwarded to the Chairperson's office, and undertook to share both the input for the Annual Report and his personal deliverable by the end of that week. The Chairperson NSB acknowledged that Dr. Murali's professional commitments may have constrained his attendance at meetings, but stated that this could not be a basis for delays affecting the entire Board.

22.3. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** noted that, since the Annual Report is required to be submitted to the

Hon'ble Minister by 30th June 2026, all members are requested to ensure that their inputs reach the Secretariat well in time,

**Action: All NSB members / Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras**

**23. Discussion on the Ongoing Conflict in the Middle East and its Implications on the Shipping Sector, including Seafarers:**

23.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi**, opened the discussion on the implications of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East for the shipping sector and for seafarers, and sought the views of members on the nature of Government intervention being sought.

23.2. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai**, informed the Board that fifteen Indian-flag vessels, comprising thirteen vessels plus two further vessels operating under International Cargo Tankers (ICT)/charter arrangements, remain stranded in the affected region, and that no decisive Government intervention has been forthcoming despite the issue having been raised by the Board previously. He stated that the Board had earlier felt it inappropriate to make a formal statement, but that, with three Indian seafarers having lost their lives the previous day, the matter could no longer be left unaddressed, and that the Government needed to take a position on bringing these vessels and their crews back.

23.3. **Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI**, stated that the focus of attention has largely been on the cargo and the vessels rather than on the welfare and safety of the seafarers, and that it was unfortunate that seafarers continue to be put at risk and to lose their lives in this manner.

23.4. **Shri Milind Kandalgaokar, General Secretary, National Union of Seafarers of India, Mumbai,** informed the Board that the Union had already represented to the Hon'ble Minister regarding the recent loss of life of Indian seafarers in the affected region.

23.5. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** observed that neither the parties to the conflict nor the international community at large appear to be sufficiently concerned about the safety of seafarers, and stated that the Government of India is taking all measures including sensitising the parties to the conflict about the safety of the affected seafarers and on the status of their contracts.

23.6. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli CEO INSA** informed the Board that INSA has already taken up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs, including a meeting with the Joint Secretary concerned and correspondence with the Foreign Secretary, but that the Board's collective intervention through the Chairperson is now necessary. **He requested that the Chairperson facilitate a meeting with the Hon'ble Minister, to be attended jointly by representatives of INSA, NUSI and MUI, so as to formally place the matter before the Minister, and offered to prepare a letter seeking such a meeting.**

23.7. **Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI, and Shri Milind Kandalgaokar, General Secretary, NUSI,** agreed to join such a meeting and to jointly present a representation to the Hon'ble Minister.

23.8. **Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI** clarified that, in respect of the stranded vessels, repatriation and supply of provisions are generally available, but the principal difficulty is the reluctance of relief crew to proceed to the affected region, given the prevailing risk, including reported instances of vessels proceeding despite advisories/warnings issued by foreign naval forces.

23.9. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** requested that a short note be prepared on the difficulties being faced, for the Board's discussion and onward submission, and agreed to facilitate the requested meeting with the Hon'ble Minister at the earliest.

23.10. **After detailed deliberations, the Board agreed that a joint representation be made to the Hon'ble Minister, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, by representatives of INSA, NUSI and MUI, through the good offices of the Chairperson, NSB, highlighting the welfare and safety concerns of seafarers on vessels affected by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, and seeking appropriate Government intervention for their evacuation and welfare.**

**Action: Shri Anil Devli, CEO INSA / Shri Milind Kandalgaokar, GS NUSI / Capt. Savio Ramos, GS MUI / Chairperson, NSB**

**24. Finalisation of the NSB Annual Report 2025-26 for Submission to the Hon'ble Minister of PSW:**

24.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that the NSB Annual Report 2025-26 would be finalised and sent to members by the end of June 2026 for comments within 7 days, before being sent for printing.

**Action: Chairperson NSB / All NSB Members / Secretary NSB**

**25. Finalisation of Sub-Committee Reports for Submission to the Hon'ble Minister of PSW:**

25.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** reiterated that all fifteen sub-committee reports, together with the NSB Annual Report 2025-26, are targeted for submission to the Hon'ble Minister, Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in the second fortnight of July 2026. He requested that all Sub-Committee Chairs to ensure that the prescribed format, including margins and font specifications, is followed uniformly so that the individual sub-committee reports can be integrated into a single, consistent document.

25.2. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** stated that he was relying on the prescribed format issued by the Chairperson's office for compiling the reports for which he is responsible, and requested Shri Rakesh Singh, President, ICCSA, to send his inputs on taxation issues in the prescribed format and style so that these could be merged with the other sub-committee reports for which he is responsible.

25.3. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai**, and **Chair Sub committees on (i) Coastal Shipping (ii) Inland waterways and (iii) Seafarers welfare** agreed to provide his inputs in the prescribed format, and confirmed that he would be able to meet the 30th June deadline for his reports, subject to receipt of certain pending information from IWAI for the Sub-Committee on Inland Waterways.

25.4. **Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai,** and **Chair of sub committees on (i) skilling & (ii) emerging technologies** informed the Board that the Sub-Committee on Skilling has held three meetings, and that the draft final report is being prepared and is expected to be ready by 20th June and submitted by about 25th June 2026. He further informed that the Sub-Committee on Emerging Technologies has held two meetings, mostly in physical format, and that stakeholder comments are awaited, with the draft report expected to be finalised and submitted before 25th June 2026.

25.5. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai**, and **Chair, sub committees on (i) Increasing Indian Tonnage, (ii) Ship Building & Ship Repairs and (iii) Taxation** informed the Board that the reports relating to Increasing Indian Tonnage & Shipbuilding & Repairs are progressing, but that the report on Taxation issues is awaited from the cruise sector representatives despite efforts. He stated that, while the Sub-Committee on Taxation would continue to seek inputs, the absence of response from the cruise sector should not hold up finalisation of the overall report.

25.6. **Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association**, and **Chair, sub committees (i) Ship recycling, (ii) Cruise & House Boat Tourism and (iii) Reduction in logistics costs** informed the Board that works relating to sub committees on cruise and house boat tourism, logistics cost reduction, and ship recycling are progressing, and that he would follow up further with the cruise operators & FFFAI for pending reports.

25.7. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi**, and **Chair sub committees on (i) port linkages & (ii) Maritime Heritage** informed the Board that he expects to be able to submit his report by the end of June 2026.

25.8. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** advised **Captain Anand from IN** and **Chair subcommittee on Maritime Preparedness and Rescue** and **Captain Nitin Mukesh Secretary NSB** and **Chair Sub Committee on Maritime Single Window** to complete their reports within 30th June 2026.

25.9. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** stated that the target of 30th June 2026 for submission of all sub-committee reports, together with the Annual Report 2025-26, would be maintained, and that, on receipt, he would review the reports for consistency before they are submitted to the Hon'ble Minister.

**Action: All Sub-Committee Chairs / Secretary NSB**

**26. Likely Launching of the NSB Website by the Hon'ble Minister, PSW:**

26.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that the development of the dedicated NSB website is complete, and that the next step would be to undertake a security audit before the website is formally launched by the Hon'ble Minister. He directed that the Secretary NSB to ascertain whether the security audit could be conducted by C-DAC directly, on payment basis, rather than through the GeM portal, so as to expedite the process.

26.2. **Shri Jitendra Jadhav, Assistant DG, National Shipping Board, DG Shipping**, informed the Board that the development team and IT team have reviewed the website and confirmed that it is ready, and that the team would follow up on the security audit as directed.

26.3. **The Board agreed that, once the security audit is completed, the website would be formally launched by the Hon'ble Minister as part of the proposed event in the second fortnight of July 2026.**

**Action: Secretary NSB**

**27. Finalisation of the Structure of the Programme of Hon'ble Minister PSW in the Second Fortnight of July 2026, to be organised under the Banner of NSB:**

27.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** opened the discussion on the proposed event to be organised under the banner of NSB in the second fortnight of July 2026, at which the NSB Annual Report 2025-26 and the reports of all fifteen sub-committees would be presented to the Hon'ble Minister, PSW and the NSB website would be formally launched by the Hon'ble Minister, PSW. He invited **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi,** to share his views on the timing and structure of the event, given his familiarity with the Hon'ble Minister's schedule.

27.2. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi,** informed the Board that, with the Monsoon Session of Parliament is expected to commence on 21st July 2026 and continue until around 11th-12th August 2026. The Hon'ble Minister and other senior officials would be in Delhi during this period, and suggested that the event be held in the first week of August 2026, during the Session. He stated that the event would not fall within the scope of ongoing austerity measures given its scale, and offered to take responsibility for engaging an event management agency and for the publicity of the event through his contacts with infrastructure journalists.

27.3. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** stated that, since the sub-committee reports are due by 30th June 2026 and would require review before finalisation, the first week of August 2026 would be the preferred timing, subject to identification of a date on which the Hon'ble Minister and senior officials of the Ministry are available, taking into account the Parliament schedule. He suggested the following protocol for the event to be organised in the last week of July 2026 / first week of August 2026 at New Delhi (Date to be confirmed by Shri Shantanu Kalita)

(i) The event will have three sessions:

**Session I: Inaugural Session -** 1000 am to 12 noon with Hon'ble Minister MoPSW as Chief guest. Event will include release of Annual report 25-26 / 15 NSB subcommittee reports / launch of NSB website

**Session II: Pre-lunch Seminar session -** 1230 pm to 1400 pm Seminar on one contemporary topic

**Session III: Post lunch Seminar session** - 1430 pm to 1600 pm Seminar on another contemporary topic

(ii) There will be three Organising committees (OC):

**Inaugural Session OC:** Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar / Shri Sanjam Sahi Gupta / Shri Rakesh Singh / Shri Shantanu Kalita / Shri K K Dhawan (IRS)

The Committee will finalise the Minute-to-Minute Programme / design for invite / list of invitees / Master of ceremony / Distribution of invites / press release / social media etc.

**Seminar sessions OC: Shri** Anil Devli / Captain Savio Ramos / Shri Rakesh Singh / Shri Rahul Modi / Shri Santosh Patil (IRS)

The Committee will finalise the Minute-to-Minute Programme / design for invite / finalization of seminar topics / list of invitees / Moderators for each seminar/ Presenters for each session having policy maker and user perspectives / Distribution of invites / press release / social media etc.

**Programme OC:** Shri Rakesh Singh / Shri Shantanu Kalita / Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar / Shri Nitin Mukesh / Shri Jitendra Jadhav and the Event Manager

The Committee will design entire programme including finalisation of cost effective venue / tea coffee snacks/ lunch etc

(iii) An event manager would be engaged for inaugural and seminar sessions (Action: Shri Shantanu Kalita)

(iv) If needed, CMEC could be associated for seminars (Action: Shri Rakesh Singh)

(v) The event will be coordinated by NSB secretariat Mumbai (Action: Captain Nitin Mukesh)

(vi) NSB budget can be used or can be reappropriated as per need (Action: Captain Nitin Mukesh)

(vii) Contribution can come from willing sponsors (Action: Rakesh / Milind/ Arun Sharma

(ix) The above protocol can be changed by the committees as per need

(x) Chairperson NSB will be available 24x7 for any work / advice as required by any of the committees.

27.4. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** invited the members to share their views on the structure and content of the event, requesting Members to speak in turn. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** stated that, given that the event would be attended by an audience comprising the Hon'ble Minister, the Secretary, and possibly the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services/Banking, such high-level audiences are rarely available, and that the Board should therefore restrict the topics for discussion to two high-level policy issues so that the discussions have a long-term bearing on the maritime sector. He suggested that the choice of subjects be arrived at by consensus among members, with the Chairperson taking the final call. **Shri Rahul Modi, President, Coastal Containers Transporters Association,** supported the suggestion and stated that the Board should internally finalise the flow of the event and the stakeholders to be invited, and keep Shri Shantanu Kalita informed accordingly so that the planning could proceed smoothly. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai,** noted that, once the date, venue and overall timeline are finalised, the Board could work out the detailed structure and time allocation for each session. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai**, stated that he had nothing further to add and would participate subject to his availability on the finalised date. **Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai**, suggested that the inaugural session include a brief presentation on emerging technologies and manpower issues, while the two post-lunch sessions focus on policy matters of greater interest to the shipping sector, namely

financing issues and the challenges relating to seafarers and immigration, including matters concerning the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs.**Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai**, offered to assist with the organisation of the event, and suggested that a short two-minute video on the work undertaken by the NSB over the past year be prepared for screening before the Hon'ble Minister, in addition to the formal presentations. **Shri Raturi, DIG, Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi**, expressed support for the first week of August 2026 as the preferred timing and for restricting the post-lunch sessions to policy matters, and concurred with the suggestion regarding the short video.**Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI, Mumbai** expressed willingness to participate and confirmed that he would keep the proposed dates free from the first week of August 2026 onwards.**Shri Milind Kandalgaokar, General Secretary, National Union of Seafarers of India, Mumbai,** expressed willingness to assist with sponsorship for the event.**Capt. Vikas Anand, Indian Navy, New Delhi,** conveyed, his agreement with the proposed timing of August 2026, noting that this would also allow additional time for finalisation of the sub-committee reports. **Shri Shantanu Kalita, Advisor, Indian Ports Association, New Delhi,** while agreeing with the broad plan, cautioned that managing two seminars in a single day, in addition to the inaugural session, may be challenging from the perspective of mobilising adequate audiences in Delhi, but stated that the Board could plan accordingly as the preparations progress. **Dr. K. Murali, Professor, IIT Madras, Chennai,** suggested that each seminar should be structured to allow adequate time for discussion with the participating audience, so that concrete outcomes emerge from the deliberations. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai,** requested that, in order to ensure that the discussion on the structure of the event is not lost to memory, the Secretariat circulate a brief summary of the Chairperson's concluding remarks on the seminar and event structure to all members by the same evening, so that members could begin working on their respective parts without delay. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** agreed to personally ensure that such a summary is circulated to all members.

27.4. On the question of the format for each seminar, **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** proposed that each seminar should comprise of two presentations of about ten minutes each, one from a policy-maker's perspective and one from an industry/user perspective, followed by a moderated question-and-answer session of about one hour. He emphasised that a knowledgeable moderator is essential, who would review both presentations in advance, frame questions reflecting the policy and industry perspectives, and circulate these questions to the audience in advance so that the discussion remains well-directed. **Shri Rakesh Singh, President, Indian Coastal Conference Shipping Association, Mumbai**, agreed with the proposed format and stressed the importance of the moderator's role in eliciting from the audience the rationale behind the Board's policy asks, so that

stakeholders understand why particular interventions are being sought. **Shri Anil Laxman Devli, Chief Executive Officer, Indian National Shipowners Association, Mumbai**, stressed the need for strict time discipline for speakers, suggesting that each speaker be restricted to five to ten minutes, with the moderator empowered to signal remaining time, so that the sessions remain focused and do not become repetitive. **Capt. Savio Ramos, General Secretary, MUI**, suggested that panels for each seminar be restricted to a maximum of two speakers in addition to the moderator,

27.5. The Board agreed with the structure summarised above and agreed to commence preparatory work for the event with immediate effect.

**Action: Chairperson, NSB / Secretary NSB / All NSB Members**

**28. Reimbursement of TA Bills of NSB Members:**

28.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** raised the status of reimbursement of Travelling Allowance (TA) bills submitted by NSB members, noting that bills have been submitted by Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta and Capt. Savio Ramos, and sought an update on the status of other members' TA bills and on the processing of those already submitted.

28.2. **Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai**, informed the Board that, after submitting her bilsl in the prescribed format, she hasnot received any further communication or feedback regarding its status.

28.3. **Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai,** clarified that IRS, as an organisation, does not intend to claim TA reimbursement from the Government for its representatives' attendance at NSB meetings. The Chairperson acknowledged this gesture.

28.4. **Shri Jitendra Jadhav, Assistant DG, National Shipping Board, DG Shipping**, informed the Board that the processing of TA bills is taking time owing to certain procedural shortfalls in the bills received, and that the office would examine and revert on the status of pending bills within about a week.

28.5. **The Board directed that the status of pending TA bills, along with any objections or shortfalls, be communicated to the members concerned within one week so that the bills can be processed without further delay.**

**Action: Secretary NSB / Shri Jitendra Jadhav, ADG NSB**

**29. Additional agenda with permission from the Chairperson NSB:**

29.1. In response to a query from **Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai,** regarding accommodation of the proposed launch of the Lloyd's Register Foundation portraits by Hon’ble Minister PSW , which was earlier scheduled for 18th May 2026 but could not take place, the Chairperson advised her to share the details

with his office to explore the possibility of integrating this event with the proposed NSB event in the first week of August 2026, given the constraints on the number of sessions that could be accommodated.

**Action: Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta, Director, Sitara Shipping Limited, Mumbai**

29.2. **Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai,** informed the Chairperson NSB that he would be away from India between 15th and 19th June 2026 to attend International Maritime Organization (IMO) meetings, and sought confirmation of NSB's engagements during this period. The Chairperson confirmed that the only engagement during this period would be a meeting on coastal shipping, which would be attended by Shri Rahul Modi, Shri Rakesh Singh and Shri Anil Devli.

**Action: Shri Arun Sharma, Executive Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, Mumbai**

29.3. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** advised members that, in seeking appointments with the Ministry or the Hon'ble Minister, requests should be made approximately one week prior to the desired date, rather than three weeks in advance, as the Ministry's own scheduling constraints make longer lead times impractical.

**Action: All NSB members**

29.4. **Shri Shantanu Kalita Advisor IPA** highlighted the need for engagement with foreign shipbuilders and stated that the NSB, working with organisations such as IRS that have wide international networks, should help the Government build relationships with foreign shipyards interested in setting up operations in India, citing the example of recent engagement with Korean, Japanese and other shipbuilding interests in the context of Tamil Nadu's maritime initiatives. The Board agreed to take this forward with assistance from the IRS.

**Action: Chairperson NSB / CMD IRS**

29.5. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi** informed that Infrastructure Finance Companies (IFCs) have been contacted and they have agreed to engage with the NSB on financing of ship acquisition and shipbuilding, and that a preliminary meeting with these finance companies, involving a few NSB members, would also be convened shortly.

**Action: Chairperson NSB**

**30. Next meeting of the Board:**

30.1. **Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson, National Shipping Board, New Delhi,** informed the Board that the next meeting of the NSB would be held at Chennai. He stated that, in view of requests from members for additional time to complete

their sub-committee reports, the meeting, which was originally contemplated for end-June 2026, would instead be held on 23rd and 24th July 2026 at Chennai, with Kamarajar Port Limited as a host, and requested members to block these dates and avoid scheduling conflicts.

**31. Vote of Thanks:**

31.1. There being no further matters for discussion, the Chairperson thanked all members and invitees for their participation and concluded the meeting.

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**Annexure I**

**Status of Action Taken on the decisions taken in the 24th meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) New Delhi held on 30th May 2025 at 10:30 hrs in the Conference Hall of Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Mumbai**

| S.No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/2026 |
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| 1. | 7.1 | **Time Gap between constitution of the consecutive boards:**<br><br>It was felt by the board that to ensure continuity of the board / sub group work, the Maritime Division in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways should be requested to take advance action on selection and notification of the board members so that there is no break between constitution of two consecutive boards. | Director MA, MoPSW | **The action is pending. No update was provided by the Ministry of PSW (Director MA).** | **The NSB Rules 2026 have been notified. May be dropped.** |
| 2. | 7.2 | **Permanent Office address and setup for the board:**<br><br>It was felt by the board that the Maritime Division in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways should be requested to do the needful for greater interests of maritime sector. | Director MA, MoPSW | **The action is pending. No update was provided by the Ministry of PSW (Director MA).** | **The NSB Rules 2026 have been notified. May be dropped.** |

**Annexure-II**

**Status of Action Taken on the decisions taken in the 25th meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) New Delhi held on 16th July 2025 at 10:00 hrs in the Conference Hall of Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Mumbai**

| S.No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status as on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/2026 |
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| 1 | 1.2 | **Opening of the Meeting:** Emphasizing the importance of recognizing the legacy of the National Shipping Board, which has been operational since 1958, the Board agreed to request the Secretary NSB to reconcile the numbering of the meeting from the old records and apprise the Board in the next meeting. Recognizing the importance of collating and making available the extensive data available with the members of the predecessor boards, which has been documented over many years, the Board also agreed to request the members of the predecessors Boards who are also continuing in the present Board to help in this reconciliation from the old minutes available with them. | Secretary NSB | **Action is on going for reconciliation of meeting numbering from legacy records. The Administration Branch is actively collecting, compiling, and verifying records from all available sources, including predecessor Boards, with the objective of preparing a consolidated and validated status record.** | **Action is on going for reconciliation of meeting numbering from legacy records. The Administration Branch is actively collecting, compiling, and verifying records from all available sources, including predecessor Boards, with the objective of preparing a consolidated and validated status record.** |

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| 2. | 10.6 | **Issues of Coastal Shipping:** The Board observed that if regulatory barriers are hindering progress—particularly in initiatives like Ro-Ro services—then the DG Shipping must clearly identify and recommend the specific regulatory changes required. | DG Shipping | **The comments have been received from DGS Mumbai to be discussed in the ensuing NSB meeting.** | **On examination, the comments of the DGS were found wanting on many aspects. Matter is referred back to DGS Mumbai.** |
| 3. | 11.6 | **Workers' issues in Ship Recycling Sector:** The Board expressed surprise that these basic provisions are not being provided and asked the workers' representative to submit a formal representation. The Board agreed that the Directorate of Shipping should take up the matter with the Government of Gujarat to understand why these entitlements are being denied and whether the issue is specific to the nature of trade in Alang or due to other underlying reasons. | DG Shipping | **Action is pending. The NSB Secretary has sent an Inter-Branch Note to the Engineering Branch for examination of workers' issues in the ship recycling sector. Further action, including taking up the matter with the Government of Gujarat, will be based on inputs received.** | **Action is pending. The NSB Secretary has sent an Inter-Branch Note to the Engineering Branch for examination of workers' issues in the ship recycling sector. Further action, including taking up the matter with the Government of Gujarat, will be based on inputs received.** |
| 4. | 23.1 | **Secretarial Assistance to the Board:** The Board advised Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW to do the needful immediately. | Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW | **One DEO and one Senior Consultant have joined on 13/04/2026. One Data analyst has yet to join.** | **One DEO and one Senior Consultant have joined on 13/04/2026. One Data analyst has yet to join.** |

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| 5. | 24.1 | **Office Accommodation for the Board in New Delhi:**<br>The Board urged the Ministry to issue orders for providing office space for the Board immediately. The Board advised Secretary NSB & Director (MA)MoPSW to do the needful immediately. | Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |

**Annexure-III**

**Minutes of the 26th meeting of National Shipping Board (NSB) New Delhi held on 25th Aug 2025 at 10:00 hrs in the Conference Hall of Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla, Gujarat**

| S.No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status as on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/2026 |
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| 1. | 12.1 | The office of the Chairperson NSB is running with just one outsourced DEO and one outsourced part time MTS. The Board advised Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW to do the needful immediately. | Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW | **One DEO and one Senior Consultant have joined on 13/04/2026. One Data analyst have yet to join.** | **One DEO and one Senior Consultant have joined on 13/04/2026. One Data analyst have yet to join.** |
| 2. | 13.1 | The Board urged the Ministry to issue orders for providing office space for the Board immediately. The Board advised Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW to do the needful immediately. | Secretary NSB & Director (MA) MoPSW | **The Action is pending** | **The action is pending** |

**Annexure IV**

**Action taken on the decisions taken in the 28th meeting of National Shipping Board held on 13th November and 14th November, 2025 at 10:00 hrs. at the Park Hotel, Kolkata**

| S.No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/2026 |
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| 1. | 8.1 | The Secretary NSB was advised to expedite the scanning process of NSB old records. | Secretary, NSB | **Action is pending. Administration Branch engaged for collection, compilation, and verification from all sources (including predecessor Boards) to reconcile meeting numbering and present a consolidated position at the forthcoming Board meeting.** | **Action is pending.** |

**Annexure V**

**Action taken on the decisions taken in the 29th meeting of National Shipping Board held on 18th December and 19th December 09:30 hrs. onwards at the Hotel Four Points, Vishakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh**

| S. No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/2026 |
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| 1. | 13.20 | Shri Sameer Kumar Khare, IAS (Retired), Chairperson urged that the relevant data discussed should be formally shared with the National Shipping Board, so that the Board has a clear, evidence-based understanding of the ground realities while deliberating on policy matters. | **Shri Rakesh Singh President ICCSA** | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 2. | 17.3 | The Board agreed to both the proposals and advised Sub-group on Skilling to act accordingly. | **Shri Arun Sharma CMD IRS / Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta Director Sitara Shipping** | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 3. | 18.2 | Maritime Heritage will move ahead to translate 'Research' to Action' in a phase-wise manner. While appreciating his efforts, the board advised him to discuss the entire roadmap with a small coordinating committee mentioned in Para 18.3. below. | **Shri Shantanu Kalita Advisor IPA** | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |

**Annexure-VI**

**MINUTES OF THE 30th MEETING OF NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD (NSB) NEW DELHI HELD ON 26th FEBRUARY 2026 AND 27th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 10:00 HRS AT HOLIDAY INN, GOA**

| S. No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/062026 |
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| 1. | 26.2 | The board agreed to request the DGS as well as MoPSW to engage in consultations with the board before overruling its suggestions. | Secretary NSB / DGS / Director (MA) MoPSW | **Action is pending.** | **The NSB Rules 2026 have been notified. May be dropped.** |
| 2. | 28.9 | After detailed deliberations the board referred the matter to the NSB sub-Committee to examine and submit a report to the board to strengthen protections for seafarers and prevent abandonment cases. | Shri Rakesh Singh President ICCSA & Chair sub-committee on the seafarers | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 3. | 34.2 | After detailed deliberations the board referred the matter to the NSB "Sub-committee on Promotion of cruise & house boat Tourism" to examine and submit a report to the board. | Shri Rahul Modi President CCTA & Chair, Sub Committee on Promotion of Cruise & House Boat Tourism | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |

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| 4. | 35.4 | After detailed deliberations the board referred the matter to the NSB "Sub-Committee on Ship Building & Repairs including Domestic Container Manufacturing" to examine and submit a report to the board. | Shri Anil Devli CEO INSA & Chair, Sub Committee on Ship Building & Repairs including domestic container manufacturing | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 5. | 36.2 | After detailed deliberations the board referred the matter to the NSB "Sub-Committee on Ship Building & Repairs including Domestic Container Manufacturing" to examine and submit a report to the board. | Shri Anil Devli CEO INSA & Chair, Sub Committee on Ship Building & Repairs including domestic container manufacturing | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 6. | 38.5 | The board advised that the issue be discussed in the forthcoming meeting of the NSB "Sub-committee on Reduction of Logistics Cost" and examined in detail, given its implications for coastal shipping promotion and logistics efficiency and submit a report to the board. | Shri Rahul Modi, President CCTA & Chair, Sub Committee on Logistics Costs Reduction | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |

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| 7. | 39.2 | The board advised Ms. Sanjam to present the improved version in the next NSB meeting. (NSB Reel) | Ms. Sanjam Sahi Gupta Director Sitara Shipping | **Action is pending.** | **Action is pending.** |
| 8. | 44 | The Board agreed to hold its next meeting in the middle of Second fortnight of March 2026 at Tuticorin and the Secretary NSB was advised to take up with the concerned Regional MMDA under Directorate of the Shipping & Chairman Tuticorin Port Authority to make necessary arrangements for the meeting | Secretary NSB / All Members | **Action is pending.** | **Action Completed. May be dropped.** |

**Annexure VII**

**MINUTES OF THE 32st MEETING OF NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD (NSB) NEW DELHI HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2026 AND 17TH APRIL 2026 AT 09:30 HRS IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF INDIAN REGISTER OF SHIPPING (IRS), POWAI, AT MUMBAI.**

| S. No. | Para No. in the minutes | Action to be taken | Who was to take action | Status on 08/05/2026 | Status on 10/06/20256 |
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| 1. | 2.1 | The Secretary NSB was advised by the Board to upload the confirmed minutes on the NSB weblink on the DG Shipping Website. | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Completed. May be dropped.** |
| 2. | 3.1 | The Secretary NSB was advised by the Board to upload the confirmed minutes on the NSB weblink on the DG Shipping Website. | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Completed. May be dropped.** |
| 3. | 10.1 | Chairperson NSB seconded his views. The board unanimously agreed to include NSB views on the amendments to NSB Rules in the Annual Report 2025-26. | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 4. | 10.2 | The board unanimously agreed to include NSB views on the permanent office of the board in the Annual Report 2025-26 | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 5. | 10.6.1 | The board unanimously agreed to include NSB views on the need for permanent staff / cadre of the board in the Annual Report 2025-26. | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 6. | 10.7.1 | The Board unanimously agreed to advise Secretary NSB to convey the Board's concern to the MOPNG. | Secretary, NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |

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| 7. | 13.1 | The board agreed with this approach and advised that the compilation of the annual report should continue, and that the final Annual Report 2025-26 would be presented for approval at the meeting in July 2026, following which it would be submitted to the Honorable Minister PSW. | All NSB Members | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 8. | 17.6 | The Board unanimously agreed that the presentation and underlying note be revised by NUSI to incorporate the following key elements. | Shri Milind Kandalgaonkar General Secretary NUSI | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 9. | 20.6 | The Board resolved to reiterate its recommendation that the definition of 'large ship' under the Harmonized Master List be amended from the current threshold to cover all ships of 500 GRT or 24 meters in length. Members noted that this was the original proposal by the Ministry, INSA, and DGS. The board agreed to initiate the following steps | Shri Anil Laxman Devli CEO INSA | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 10. | 27.1 | The board unanimously agreed that once the template is finalized and re-circulated, the NSB budget could be utilized for professional support in proof-reading, printing and presentation of these fifteen sub-committee reports. | NSB / All NSB Members | **Pending** | **Pending** |

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| 11. | 28.2.2 | Captain Nitin Mukesh Secretary NSB to provide update and Shriya S Khelurkar to provide data on his association's members and the details of their ship repair yards. | Secretary NSB / Ms. Shriya Consultant | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 12. | 30.5 | The FFFAI representative agreed to submit two separate notes covering the import cycle and export cycle respectively. They also expressed willingness to participate in consultative meetings, if convened, to clarify operational aspects and assist in resolution. It was observed that while the Ministry may have limited jurisdiction over commercial arrangements outside port premises, the issue could be appropriately pursued through engagement with shipping line associations. It was noted that the objective was not to regulate pricing, but to ensure process uniformity, billing transparency, and accountability, thereby reducing operational friction and cost uncertainty for exporters and freight forwarders. | FFFAI / Secretary NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 13. | 30.6 | The FFFAI representatives indicated their willingness to participate in such consultations. | FFFAI / Secretary NSB | **Pending** | **Pending** |

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| 14. | 30.10 | The need for expanding the scope of multimodal transport beyond EXIM-centric frameworks to include domestic multimodal movement under a single document and taxation regime was discussed. It was noted that relevant committees of the Board are already examining such issues, including harmonization of documents and ease of doing business within India.. | FFFAI / Shri Rahul Modi President CCTA | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 15. | 30.11 | The Chairperson NSB Shri Sameer Kumar Khare IAS (Retd.) noted that such suggestions could be formally submitted to the Board and that they could be examined. It was noted that relevant committees of the Board are already examining such issues, including d ease of doing business within India. | FFFAI / Shri Rahul Modi President CCTA | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 16. | 30.12 | The FFFAI Representative was requested to submit detailed written representations to facilitate structured examination. | FFFAI / Shri Rahul Modi President CCTA | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| 17. | 31.1 | The Board agreed to hold its next meeting in Second week of May 2026 at Tuticorin. The Secretary NSB was advised to take up with the concerned Regional MMDA under Directorate of the Shipping & Chairman V. O. Chidambaranar Port Authority Tuticorin to make necessary arrangements for the meeting. | Secretary NSB / All Members | **Pending** | **Completed. May be dropped.** |

**Annexure VIII**

# Agenda

- Comparison of NSB Rules-2026
- As recommended by Board v/s As notified in May, 2026

# NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD RULES, 2026

NSB Rules, 2026 has been published by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways vide gazette notification dated 20th May 2026.

We may appreciate the efforts extended by our Ministry in this regard.

However, there are certain issues pointed out which has been projected by our Draft Rules, 2025 which is quoted in next slide:-

| S.No. | Projection of NSB | Gazette Notification | Draft Recommendation of Board. |
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| 1. | **Establishment of Board:-** NSB has proposed for establishment of Board for a period of 3 years in the first instance and shall thereafter be re-established at the end of 3 years. However, the Board shall continue to remain in operation beyond 3 years in case successor Board is not appointed on expiry of 3 years. | As per G.N. dated 20.05.26 the Central Government shall by notification establish the Board for a period of 2 years in first instance and thereafter re-established the Board at the end of every 2 years. The existing Board shall continue to function till the successive Board is constituted, subject to a maximum period of six months. | The Board may reiterate the earliest stand. |

| S.No. | Projection of NSB | Gazette Notification | Draft Recommendation of Board |
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| 2. | **Secretarial Assistance to Board:-** The Board shall be provided with adequate Secretarial Assistance by the Director General. Any staff required for the work of the Board shall be appointed by the Director General borne on the cadre of his office, and paid out of the budget of that office. | The Board shall be provided with adequate Secretarial Assistance by the Director General. The DG shall appoint such staff as may be required for the work of the Board which shall from part of the establishment of the DG. The salaries, allowance and other expenditure incurred thereon shall be made from the budget of the office of the Director General. | The Board may accept the wording in G.N. and request DG for providing staff to the NSB as per requirement to be projected by the Board. |

| S.No. | Projection of NSB | Gazette Notification | Draft Recommendation of Board |
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| 3. | **Headquarter of the Board:-** The headquarter of the Board shall be at New Delhi. The official accommodation for the Board shall be provided by the Central Government. | The headquarter shall be located at New Delhi. The Central Government shall provide office premises to the Board for the purpose of discharging its function. | The Board may accept the wording in G.N. and request Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for providing office space to the NSB as per requirement to be projected by the Board. |

| S. No. | Projection of NSB | Gazette Notification | Draft Recommendation of Board |
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| 4. | **Service Conditions of Chairperson of Board:-** The Chairperson of NSB shall be responsible for day to day functioning of the Board, conduct of Board Meetings and for taking all consequential actions as per the directions of the Board. He shall be provided an honorarium Rs. 3,00,000 per month as amended from time to time in case Chairperson is in receipt of any pension either from Central Government or State Government the pay shall be reduced by pension. In addition he shall be provided facilities of Official Accommodation, Official Transportation, Official Telephone and facilities as admissible to the Secretary of Government of India. | The remuneration and other facilities admissible to Chairperson of Board shall be such as may be specified by Central Government by way of Order from time to time. | As per section 6 (1) and 6 (2)(a) of the MS Act 2025, the Government is empowered to make the rules providing for the term of office, manner of filling vacancies and the travelling and other allowances payable to the member of the Shipping Board and service conditions of the chairperson under sub-section 8 of Section 4. The purpose of making this provision is to ensure transparency in the entire process to ensure that the notified rules are known to the potential chairperson & members well before joining and that they cannot be changed during their term to keep them independent of the Government Influence while giving honest and frank advice. However, the provision made by the Government in the rule substituting the rule by an executive order for the Chairperson is untenable. Moreover the rank equivalence of the non-official members vis-a-viz other official members is also not clear. The Board may not request the MoPSW to relook into this provision. |

**Annexure IX**

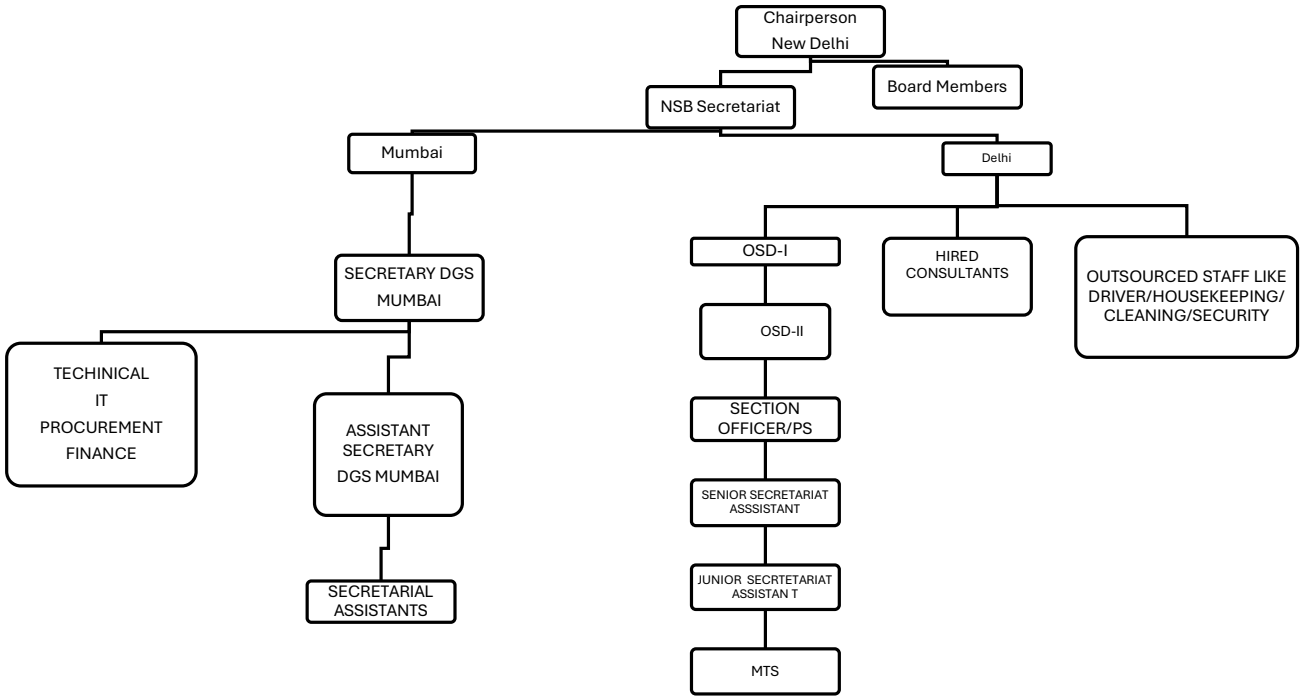
# Agenda

- Proposed Organization structure of the NSB.

**Rule 8 of the NSB Rules, 2026 Secretarial Assistance to Board.**

- The Board shall be provided with adequate secretarial assistance by the Director – General.
- The Director-General shall appoint such staff as may be required for the work of the Board, which shall form part of the establishment of the Director-General.
- The salaries, allowances, and other expenditure incurred thereon shall be met from the budget of the office of the Director-General.

# PROPOSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE OF NSB



**Annexure X**

# Agenda

- Proposed space requirement for the NSB.

## Rule 9 of the NSB Rules, 2026 Headquarters of Board

- The headquarters of the Board shall be located at New Delhi.
- The Central Government shall provide office premises to the Board for the purpose of discharging its functions under the Act and these rules.

# CALCULATION OF OFFICE SPACE FOR NSB

## O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Remarks/Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chairperson, NSB | Secretary and above Level 17 or above. | 1 | 360 Sq.ft | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 14 and above are entitled for 360 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 2. | OSD I | Director /Deputy Secretary Level 12 ,13,13A | 1 | 240 Sq. ft | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 12,13,13A are entitled for 240 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 3. | OSD-II | Under Secretary Level 11 | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 11 are entitled for 240 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |

# CALCULATION OF OFFICE SPACE FOR NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Remarks/Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | PS to Chairperson NSB | Section Officer Level 8 to 10. | 1 | 60 Sq. ft | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 8-10 and above are entitled for 60 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 5. | Executive Assistants | Senior Secretariat Assistant Level- 4 to 6<br>Junior Secretariat Assistant Level- 2 to 3 | 2<br>2 | 80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each)<br>80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 4 to 6 are entitled for 40 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 6. | MTS | Multi Tasking Staff Level -1 | 3 | 120 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) | Officers drawing pay in Pay Level 1 are entitled for 40 Sq. ft. as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |

# CALCULATION OF OFFICE SPACE FOR NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Remarks/Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Conference Room | | 1 | 470 Sq. ft. | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 8. | Visitor Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 9. | Pantry and Common Room for Outsource Staff | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 10. | Reception | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |

# CALCULATION OF OFFICE SPACE FOR NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Remarks/Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | Store Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 12. | Toilets | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 13. | Record Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | as per O.M. No. 11015/1/98-Pol.1 dated 16/03/2017 of Director of Estates, MoUD, GOI |
| 14. | Common Room for Members | | 1 | 5000 Sq. ft. | As per actual need |
| 15. | Room for Hired Consultant | | 1 | 270 Sq. ft. | As per actual need |
| | **Total** | | | **3000 Sq. ft** | |

# EXISTING SPACE WITH THE NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Existing space |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chairperson, NSB | Secretary and above Level 17 or above. | 1 | 360 Sq. ft | 300 sq. ft. |
| 2. | OSD I | Director /Deputy Secretary Level 12 ,13,13A | 1 | 240 Sq. ft | 40 sq. ft. |
| 3. | OSD-II | Under Secretary Level 11 | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | 40 sq. ft. |

# EXISTING SPACE WITH THE NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Remarks/Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4. | PS to Chairperson NSB | Section Officer Level 8 to 10. | 1 | 60 Sq. ft | No space |
| 5. | Executive Assistants | Senior Secretariat Assistant Level- 4 to 6 | 2 | 80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) | 80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) |
| | | Junior Secretariat Assistant Level- 2 to 3 | 2 | 80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) | 80 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) |
| 6. | MTS | Multi Tasking Staff Level -1 | 3 | 120 Sq. ft (40 Sq. ft each) | No space |

# EXISTING SPACE WITH THE NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Existing Space |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7. | Conference Room | | 1 | 470 Sq. ft. | No space* |
| 8. | Visitor Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | No space* |
| 9. | Pantry and Common Room for Outsource Staff | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | No space* |
| 10. | Reception | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | No space* |

# EXISTING SPACE WITH THE NSB

| SN. | Designation | Rank/Pay Level | Number | Entitlement of office space | Existing space |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **11.** | Store Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | No space |
| **12.** | Toilets | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft. | 40 sq. ft |
| **13.** | Record Room | | 1 | 120 Sq. ft | No space |
| **14.** | Common Room for Members | | 1 | 500 Sq. ft. | No space |
| **15.** | Room for Hired Consultant | | 1 | 270 Sq. ft. | No space |
| | **Total** | | | **3000 Sq. ft** | **580 Sq. ft**<br><br>**Shared space with SCI – 320 Sq. ft**<br><br>**Total Space – 900 Sq. ft (including 320 Sq. ft. share with SCI)** |