

A FRAMEWORK OF TRANSPARENCY AUDIT  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPPING

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S.No	Item	Details of Disclosure
1.7	Boards, Councils, Committees and other Bodies constituted as part of Public Authority [Section 4(1)(b)(viii)]	<p>(i) Name of Boards, Council, Committee etc.: Given Below                      (ii) Composition: Given below                      (iii) Dates from which constituted: Term/ Tenure: Given Below                      (iv) Powers and functions: Given Below                      (v) Whether their meetings are open to the public? No                      (vi) Whether the minutes of the meetings are open to the public: No                      (vii) Place where the minutes if open to the public are available? No</p> <hr/> <p><b>1. NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD constituted from 24/04/2020</b></p> <p>The National Shipping Board constituted by the Government of India under Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 has 6 members of the Parliament, 4 from the House of People, 2 by the Council States and 16 members representing the Central Government, ship owners, seamen and such other interests. Government of India nominates one of its members as its Chairman.</p> <p><b>MS Act 1958-PART II- NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD</b></p> <p>Establishment of National Shipping Board.—(1) With effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf, there shall be established a Board to be called the National Shipping Board (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the Board). 1. Ins. by Act 21 of 1966, s.2 (w.e.f. 28-5-1966). 2. Clauses (51) and (52) omitted by Act 69 of 1976, s. 3 (w.e.f. 1-12-1976). 30 (2)                      The Board shall consist of the following members, namely:— (a) six members elected by Parliament, four by the</p>

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		<p>House of the People from among its members and the other two by the Council of States from among its members; (b) such number of other members, not exceeding sixteen as the Central Government may think fit to appoint to the Board, to represent— (i) the Central Government, (ii) ship owners, (iii) seamen, and (iv) such other interests as, in the opinion of the Central Government, ought to be represented on the Board: Provided that the Board shall include an equal number of persons representing the ship owners and seamen. (3) The Central Government shall nominate one of the members of the Board to be the Chairman of the Board. (4) The Board shall have power to regulate its own procedure. 5. Functions of National Shipping Board.—The Board shall advise the Central Government— (a) on matters relating to Indian shipping, including the development thereof; and (b) on such other matters arising out of this Act as the Central Government may refer to it for advice. 6. Power to make rules in respect of matters in this Part.—(1) The Central Government may make rules to carry out the purposes of this Part. (2) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:— (a) the term of office of members of the Board and the manner of filling casual vacancies in the Board; (b) the appointment of officers and other employees to enable the Board to discharge its functions under section 5 and the terms and conditions of their service; (c) the travelling and other allowances payable to members of the Board.</p> <p>The Chairman is appointed for a definite term and he gets consolidated monthly remuneration More details are available on</p> <p><a href="https://dgma.gov.in/search">https://dgma.gov.in/search</a></p> <p><a href="https://dgma.gov.in/search?q=&amp;sort=relevance&amp;type=all&amp;category=National+Shipping+Board">https://dgma.gov.in/search?q=&amp;sort=relevance&amp;type=all&amp;category=National+Shipping+Board</a></p>
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**2. NATIONAL WELFARE BOARD FOR SEAFARERS**

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

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

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