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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
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Office Memorandum

Sub: Repatriation and travel abroad of Indian seafarers and crew.

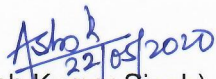
The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of External Affairs' UO Note No. 138 dated 15.05.2020 & D.O. letter dated 18.05.2020 and D.O. letter No. ST-16011/13/2020-MA dated 08.05.2020 from Hon'ble MoS (I/C) for Shipping regarding repatriation of stranded Indian seafarers/crew to India through charter flight arranged by their employing companies.

2. The aforesaid matter has been examined in this Ministry. In this regard, the movement of stranded Indian seafarers/crew is hereby permitted through charter flight arranged by their employing companies in accordance with the Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) for movement of Indian nationals stranded outside the country, dated 05.05.2020, with the following modifications:

- a) In para 2(ii) of the SOP, travel to India can be by special charter flights to be arranged by employers or by hiring firms. Such flights would be scheduled after full consultations between MEA, MoCA and the concerned States to which such flights are being proposed.
- b) In para 2(iv) of SOP, the cost of travel will be borne by such travellers, or by their employers.
- c) In para 2(viii), all travellers shall give an undertaking, before boarding, that they would undergo mandatory institutional quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days on arrival in India at their own cost or at the cost of the employer.
- d) Upon completion of 14 days quarantine, Director General of Shipping would enable e-passes, if required, for intra-State/inter-State movement to their native places.

3. Indian seafarers/crew seeking to accept contracts to serve on vessels abroad can travel on the non-scheduled commercial flights departing from India under the Vande Bharat Mission or the charter flights arranged by their employers subject to their clearance given by Ministry of Shipping.

4. This issues with the approval of Union Home Secretary.


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