

Unprecedented Growth of 42.3 Per Cent Shipboard Jobs for Indian Seafarers in Last Four Years

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Union Minister of State for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways and Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya said today in a statement that the Ministry of Shipping has strived to improve employment generation in the Shipping sector during the last four years. He said, the number of trained active seafarers today is 1.54 lakh, of which 4700 are women. He said, as many as 810 women are employed in the Shipping sector.

The last four years saw an unprecedented growth of 42.3 per cent shipboard jobs for Indian seafarers. The seafarers employed on ships worldwide increased from 108446 in 2013 to 154349 in 2017. India now provides 9.35 % of the global seafarers and ranks third in the list of the largest seafarer supplying nation to the world maritime industry.

The Directorate of Shipping has started issuing the Indian CDC for candidates who have completed the five basic STCW courses since January 2018. Prior to this, candidates who were doing the long duration pre-sea courses were issued Indian CDC. This initiative of the Directorate has mobilized lot of seafarers to pursue Indian CDC who otherwise were holding CDC for other flags like Panama, Liberia, etc. The ban on opening of the new pre-sea and post-sea institutes has been lifted and various requirements for approval of courses also delinked. This has considerably helped in opening of the new maritime training institutes. This shall definitely assist in further increasing the number of Indian seafarers in global market.

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