

Directorate General of Shipping

The Directorate General of Shipping, India is the maritime administrator of the country and is tasked to ensure the safety of life and ships at sea, prevention of marine pollution, promotion of maritime education and training in co-ordination with the International Maritime Organization, regulation of employment and welfare of seamen, development of coastal shipping, examination and certification of merchant navy officers, supervision and control of the allied offices under its administrative jurisdiction through 13 Mercantile Marine Departments [MMDs] located in maritime states/union territories.

Vision

“To be recognized globally as a highly effective, efficient, responsible and progressive maritime administration.”

Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs)

The jurisdiction of five Mercantile Marine Departments and the other MMDs & allied offices of DGS working under their administrative control are as under:

1. **MMD, Mumbai** - MMD, Goa, Examination Centre NOIDA, Govt. Shipping Office, Mumbai, Seamen's Employment Office, Mumbai & Regional Office [Sails], Mumbai.
2. **MMD, Kandla** - MMD, Jamnagar & Regional Office [Sails], Jamnagar.
3. **MMD, Chennai** - MMD, Vishakhapatnam, MMD, Tuticorin, Govt. Shipping Office, Chennai & Seamen's Welfare Office, Chennai.
4. **MMD, Kochi** - MMD, Mangalore.
5. **MMD, Kolkata** - MMD, Paradeep, MMD, Haldia, MMD, Port Blair, Govt. Shipping Office, Kolkata & Seamen's Employment Office, Kolkata.

Field Offices

- The five MMDs are headed by a Principal Officers who are in the scale of a Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India.
- Other MMDs are headed by a Surveyor (Nautical or Engineering), who are designated as Surveyor-in-Charge.

- Government Shipping Offices - headed by a Shipping Master.
- Seamen's Employment Offices - headed by a Director, SEO.
- Regional Sails Office- headed by Regional Officer (Sails).
- Seamen's Provident Fund Organization - headed by a Commissioner, SPFO.
- Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society - headed by an Administrative Officer.

Functions of the DGS

- Administration of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
- Registration, Survey, Certification and Licensing of vessels.
- Implementation of International Conventions of International Maritime Organization (IMO) and International Labor Organization (ILO) on maritime matters
- Measures to ensure safety of life and ships at sea.
- Prevention of marine pollution from ships.
- Regulation of Maritime Training Institutes
- Examination and Certification of seafarers.
- Grievances and welfare measures of seafarers
- Marine casualty investigation.
- Port State Control & Flag State Inspections of ships
- Development of legislation, rules, circulars, guidelines concerning shipping
- Representation in various committees of International Maritime Organisation

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