



From Womb to Tomb - and sometimes beyond NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sub: **NUSI demand for Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension to all ranks of our seafarers working on Indian and foreign flagships of all types will start soon**

You are aware that it was entirely due to the **NUSI protest in Delhi in 1963** outside the Hon'ble Indian Parliament which led to enactment of the Seamens Provident Fund Act, 1963 for the Indian flag ships.

Provident Fund is only statutory in Indian flag ships. But for decades all NUSI agreements agreed bilaterally on Indian flag or foreign flag to have Provident Fund, Gratuity and Annuity for the welfare of our seafarers.

Vide our circular no 001 of 2023 dated 6th January, 2023 NUSI had informed you that the **NUSI demand** of Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension for all ranks of our seafarers serving on Indian and foreign flagships of all types was **formally accepted** on 6th January, 2023. The final draft is now being sent to the Government of India for final approval to be adopted by the Hon'ble Indian Parliament.

NUSI will ensure that the existing benefits are retained and improved upwards when the final scheme of PF, Gratuity and Pension is implemented.

We thank the Government of India and the Board of Trustees of the Seamens Provident Fund for agreeing to this long pending demand of NUSI.

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All ranks of seafarers and their families are very happy and proud that the efforts of NUSI of so many years is finally accepted and the NUSI demand of Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension for all ranks of our seafarers serving on Indian and foreign flagships of all types will be fulfilled very soon.

We will keep you posted of the developments.

Long Live NUSI,

Long Live Seafarers Unity

With warm regards and solidarity,

Yours sincerely,

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General Secretary -cum-Treasurer

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