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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Sub: Efforts for Income tax exemption for seafarers continues  
by NUSI and MUI**

**Sign the attached petition immediately and send to  
NUSI at nusi@vsnl.com or to MUI at mail@maritimeunionofindia.com**

You are aware that since last 50 years Indian seafarers working on Indian or foreign flag ships get income tax exemption on their foreign income. You are also aware that in the last year in 2015 by our efforts the Government of India with the full support of Shri Nitin J. Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping extended the income tax benefit to all seafarers including those working on Indian Coast.



**NUSI and MUI with Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha.**

Unfortunately the Income Tax Tribunal, Kolkata in its judgement has snatched away the benefit of our seafarers causing untold hardships and difficulties to the seafarers and their families. National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and the Maritime Union of India (MUI) together have challenged the ruling of the Kolkata Tribunal. The matter will come up for hearing soon.



Alongwith Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Member of Parliament, NUSI and MUI met Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance.

In the meanwhile, NUSI and MUI have taken up the matter strongly with the Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Finance, National Shipping Board (NSB) and with the Maritime Administration. NUSI and MUI have also received thousands of emails from seafarers in support.



NUSI and MUI with Shri Sushil Chandra, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).





**NUSI and MUI with Shri Rajive Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping.**

While the matter is being challenged legally, NUSI and MUI is also in touch directly with the Government of India to get back the income tax exemption for the seafarers.

On 14th December, 2016 NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang and MUI General Secretary, Shri Amar Singh Thakur camped in New Delhi to give a strong representation to the Government in favour of the seafarers.

- 1. NUSI and MUI met Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha.**
- 2. Alongwith Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Member of Parliament, NUSI and MUI met Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance.**
- 3. NUSI and MUI also met Shri Sushil Chandra, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).**
- 4. NUSI and MUI then met Shri Rajive Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Shipping.**



**NUSI and MUI with Shri Nitin J. Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping.**

On 15th December, 2016 NUSI and MUI met **Shri Nitin J. Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping.** Hon'ble Minister, Shri Nitin J. Gadkari assured NUSI and MUI that he will take up the matter strongly with the Ministry of Finance.

NUSI and MUI is leaving no stone unturned to get the exemption of income tax for all our seafarers. It is possible that the matter will come up in the Budget which will be presented in the Parliament.

We advise all our seafarers receiving this message to immediately sign the enclosed petition and email it back to **nusi@vsnl.com or mail@maritimeunionofindia.com.** If you want to get the income tax exemption it is necessary that the matter comes up in the Budget and for it your immediate action is required.

Yours sincerely,

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