

Shri Nitin J. Gadkari,
Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping
Ministry of Shipping
Government of India.

Dear Sir,

Sub: **Petition - Income Tax exemption for seafarers**

Sir, Indian seafarers are the second line of defense and have contributed immensely to the growth of the Indian economy.

Indian seafarers have been getting Income Tax exemption since the last 50 years. We were very happy to note that with your good efforts the income tax exemption was extended in 2015 and more and more seafarers got the benefit.

Unfortunately, the income tax exemption was snatched away and our income in our NRE accounts is taxed by a Kolkata Tribunal judgement.

National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) and the Maritime Union of India (MUI) have taken up the matter of income tax exemption legally and also with the Government of India.

We request you Sir, to kindly take up the matter strongly on our behalf with the Ministry of Finance, so that we continue to get the income tax exemption as before.

We fully support the initiatives of the Government of India and are hopeful that our Income Tax exemption continues.

Yours faithfully,

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