



From Womb to Tomb – and sometimes beyond  
**NATIONAL UNION OF SEAFARERS OF INDIA**  
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Sub: **Breaking News**

NUSI demand to include all ranks of seafarers in Priority List of railway booking finally accepted

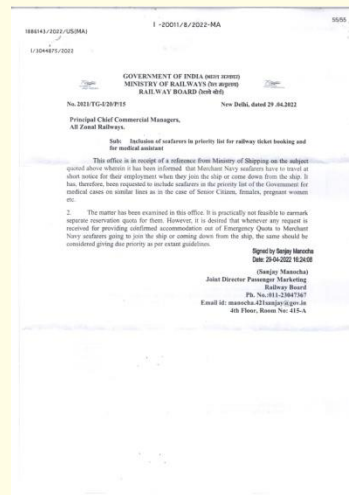
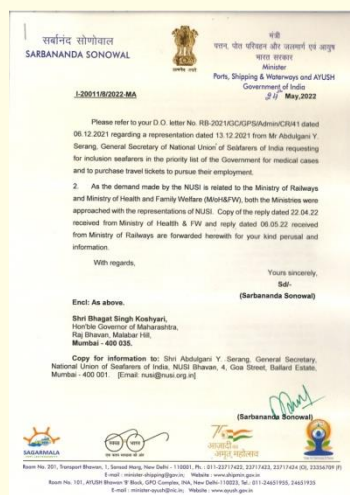
Instructions issued by Ministry of Railways, Government of India

Vide NUSI circular dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 we had informed you that the long pending demand of National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) to get priority in travel for all ranks of seafarers is being discussed by the Government of India through the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Shipping and the Ministry of Railways. Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra had personally taken up the NUSI demand with the Government of India.

NUSI is pleased to inform you that instructions have now been issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Railways – Railway Board vide No. 2021/TG-I/20/P/15 dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to Principal Chief Commercial Managers of All Zonal Railways. The instructions is to consider providing confirmed accommodation by giving due priority as per guidelines out of Emergency Quota for any request received from Merchant Navy seafarers going to join ship or coming down from the ship.

This is great victory for all ranks of seafarers as Government of India has acknowledged the important role of merchant navy seafarers in facilitating their travel. NUSI and all ranks of seafarers thank Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush & Government of India. **Next goal for priority in travel for all ranks of seafarers is from Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Road Transport and Ministry of Shipping.**

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Warm regards

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