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Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

Government to prioritize vaccination to seafarers

 Union Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya thanked  
 the states for including Seafarers in State 'Priority List' for vaccination

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Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C) and Chemicals & Fertilizers Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has reviewed the status of vaccination to the seafarers. Shri Mandaviya suggested that the seafaring industry should not get hampered due to non-vaccination and emphasized that all efforts should be made to get the seafarers vaccinated before joining their scheduled duties on board.

India plays a very significant role in the global seafarer industry. There have been demands from many quarters to accord 'priority' to seafarers in the vaccination drive in view of the nature of their work. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (PS&W) also coordinated actively with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to give priority to seafarers in COVID vaccination.

Due to the recent intervention by the Ministry, Major Ports have started Vaccination Centers. Six Major Ports which includes Mumbai Port Trust, Cochin Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Kolkata Port Trust and Tuticorin Port Trust have started vaccinating seafarers at their port hospital. Moreover, a private hospital in Kerala has also been roped in for vaccinating seafarers.

Seafaring Unions/Associations like MASSA, FOSMA and NUSI have also successfully organized special camps for vaccination.

Apart from these measures, Ministry of PS&W has been making efforts to take State Governments on board for including seafarers in their State 'priority' list, and Kerala, Tamilnadu and Goa has already provided such status.

India is committed to providing vaccines to Seafarers!

I am thankful to Tamil Nadu CM Shri @MKStalin Ji, Kerala CM Shri @VijayanPinarayi Ji & CM Goa Shri @DrPramodPSawant Ji for including Seafarers in State 'Priority List' for vaccination. (1/3)

— Mansukh Mandaviya (@mansukhmandviya) June 5, 2021

Government of India will leave no stone unturned to facilitate seafarers for vaccination.

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