

Vision :- Welfare of Seafarer's.

Mission :- To Provide the seamen amenities ashore and afloat.

The Directorate of Seamen welfare established during British period under the then Central Government to Implement International Labour Organizations (ILO) recommendation no. 48 of 1936 regarding Seamen's welfare. The creation of the Directorate of Seamen & Emigration Welfare in the year 1971 by amalgamating the then existing three department via (a) Directorate of Seamen's Welfare, (b) Protector of Emigrants and (c) National Employment Bureau with a view to implementing the provision of the ILO Conventions of recommendations ratified and accepted by The Government for the purpose of boosting up the welfare of persons engaged in earning valuable foreign exchange.

Earlier the Directorate of Seamen and Emigration Welfare was under the Ministry of Shipping and under the direct supervision of the Department of Shipping. The Directorate of Seamen Emigration Welfare has been functioning for providing cultural and Welfare services to seafarers and to advice the Government on measures to be taken for promoting welfare of seamen whether ashore of on board as per requirement of Maritime labour convention-2006. The Directorate is headed by a Director (Deputy Secretary). It runs a Seamen's Hostel headed by a Deputy Director, and two regional offices located at Chittagong and Mongla headed by two assistant Directors.

Functions :

The functions allocated to the Directorate are given below :

- a. To act as the administrative machinery for controlling, supervising and co-ordinating the seamen's welfare works at the Bangladesh ports and other foreign sea-ports where Bangladeshi seamen face problems.
- b. To formulate plans and execute schemes and projects for promotion of seamen's Welfare facilities at the ports as per ILO Recommendation No. 48 of 1936.
- c. To secure necessary grants of money from the Government and the Merchant Seamen's Welfare Fund for the Welfare of the Seamen, arrange for speedy

execution of all projects and schemes when sanctioned and supervise them while being executed.

- d. To manage the Seamen's Education Trust Fund and distribute stipends to the children of Seamen prosecuting studies in schools, colleges and universities.
- e. To recommend measures connected with maintenance of rosters, recruitment of Seamen and general Welfare facilities for merchant seamen.
- f. To function as member (statutory) on different Committees such as, Seamen's Employment Board, Seamen's Disciplinary Committee, Seamen's Promotion Committee, etc.
- g. To participate in different meetings and discussions on national and international issues touching maritime labour.
- h. To prepare reports on ILO Conventions and Recommendations.