

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.
- i. To formulate plans and schemes for consideration of the Ministry of Labour on all matters connected with employment and welfare of Bangladeshi seamen in Bangladesh and abroad, matters connected with employment of Bangladeshi seamen, their conditions on board the ocean-going ships and also when they are on off-articles.
- j. To visit ships calling at the Port of Chattogram when there is dispute relating to provisions and stores, accommodation, water, medicines, etc.