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To,  
✓ The Chairman  
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India,  
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Basheer Bagh Hyderabad - 500 004,  
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Sub: Guidance/instructions to insurance companies in respect of stranded/grounded vessels on the Indian coast -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Directorate General of Shipping functions under the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India as National Maritime Administration and implements the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and other applicable National & International instruments.

2. This Directorate is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring the safety, security and pollution prevention aspects of ships. In this context, it is observed that in some instances, ships stranded on the Indian coast are being abandoned by some shipowners leading to environmental degradation. Some of the examples, of ships stranded of the Coast of India are as follows:

2.1 Priyanka stranded/grounded (off at Revdanda on 14.07.2014)

2.2 Nirmiti stranded/grounded (off Sanghi Port on 22.4.2014).

2.3 Coastal Pride stranded / grounded (off Dahanu on 23.06.2015)

3. It is observed that in some instances, after the shipowners receives the insurance claim from the Insurance company for the vessel, they do not discharge their responsibilities towards the vessel resulting in such vessel becoming a liability on the national exchequer for remedial measures.

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4. In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India [IRDA] may consider issuing necessary guidance/instructions to the insurance companies to obtain the inputs of this Directorate in such matters prior settlement of marine insurance claims of such vessel, so as to save national resources.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Capt. K.P. Jayakumar)

Deputy Nautical Adviser to the Govt. of India

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1. Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
2. M/s.General Insurance Corporation of India, "Suraksha", 170, Jamshedji Tata Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400 020.
3. M/s.United India Insurance Company Ltd., 24, Whites Road, Chennai - 600 014
4. M/s. New India Assurance Co. Ltd., 87, M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001
5. M/s.ICICI Lombard General Insurance Co. Ltd., ICICI Lombard House, 414, Veer Savarkar Marg, Near Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Prabhadevi, Mumbai - 400 028
6. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Shipping, Transport Bhavan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110 001- [Kind Attention Shri. Touthang, Director (MG)].