

**MUMBAI PORT TRUST**  
**(TRAFFIC MANAGER)**

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Date : 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

**CIRCULAR**

The President,  
Mumbai Navha Sheva Shipping Agents Association

The President,  
Indian Barge Owners' Association

Sir,

**Sub : Fatal accident to Shri Acchelal Rawat, worker of  
M/s. Apee Contractors, on 04.12.2014 on barge  
M.V. "Sea Patriot" at 16 ID.**

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M.V. Sea Patriot was berthed at 16 ID on 04.12.2014, under the agency of M/s. Hind Offshore Private Ltd. While carrying out repairing work inside the ballast tank on board the Barge 'Sea Patriot', Shri Acchelal Rawat, aged 25 years, an employee of M/s. Apee Contractors died due to electrocution. The concerned Shipping Agents and the Contractor failed to report the incident in time to the MbPT officials at 16 ID. They removed the injured worker to St. George Hospital of their own in a vehicle. However, the worker was declared dead before admission. The accident was brought to the notice of the Port Authority only on 14.12.2014 i.e. after a lapse of almost 10 days, which was a serious lapse on the part of the Shipping Agents for not reporting such serious incident to the Port Authorities in time.

2. The Safety Cell, MbPT, after conducting a thorough investigation into the matter, has given the findings as under :

- (i) The contractor failed to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) viz. Safety Shoes and Rubber Hand Gloves to their workers.
- (ii) The barge, 'Sea Patriot' failed to provide sufficient illumination level with proper electrical equipment inside the ballast tank where the cleaning work was to be performed.
- (iii) Before commencing the work the electrical equipment was not checked or examined to ensure safety at work
- (iv) Lack of safety awareness on the part of supervisors and workers engaged in ship repair work.

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- (v) Gross negligence on the part of contractor with regard to the compliance of the legal provision including reporting of accident within stipulated time.

3. The Safety Cell has further given following recommendations in order to prevent recurrence of such type of accident :

- (i) Before using any electrical equipment, it shall be ensured for it's safety by a responsible person or supervisor.
- (ii) All the contractors engaged in ship repair work shall provide adequate personal protective equipment and also ensure that the workers are using it properly during work.
- (iii) All the contractors engaged in ship repair work shall arrange training programmes on safety for their supervisors and workers
- (iv) All the accidents shall be reported to the on duty staff of MbPT at the location immediately as per "The Dock Workers' (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulation 1990".

4. You are requested to give wide publicity amongst your members to the recommendations for compliance thereof.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**(S.S. SHIRALKAR)**  
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