

**MUMBAI PORT TRUST**  
**(TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT)**

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**CIRCULAR**

The President,  
Mumbai Nhava Sheva Shipping Agents Association  
The President,  
Indian Barge Owners' Association  
The President,  
Brihan Mumbai Custom House Agents Association  
The President,  
The Maharashtra Forklift Owners' Association  
The President,  
Crane Owners' Association  
The President,  
All India Liquid Bulk Importers' Exporters' Association  
The General Manager,  
Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd.  
The President,  
Federation of Bombay Motor Transport Operators  
The President,  
Maharashtra Truck Owners' Association  
The President,  
Maharashtra Mal Vahatuk Tempo Mahasangh  
The President,  
Maharashtra Tank Lorry Owners' Association  
The President,  
Provincial Motor Transport Association

Sir,

**Sub : Fatal Accident to Shri. Ajay Yadav, Operator of excavator of M/s.  
Shri Krishna Enterprises on 05.09.2014 at 11.45 hrs at  
4/5 Hay Bunder - Safety precautions reg.-**

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There was a fatal accident to Shri. Ajay Yadav, Machine Operator of M/s. Shri Krishna Enterprises on 05.09.2014 at 11.45 hrs at 4/5 Hay Bunder, when he fell into Dock basin in between wharf and barge. The cause of accident has been investigated by Safety Cell, MbPT, who made the following recommendations to prevent recurrence of such type of accidents :

- I. All the barges shall be provided with adequate and safe means of access to embark or disembark on the barge when it is lying at wharf or quay for the purpose of dock work.

It will be the duty of the owner or master or officer- in-charge and the agents of the ship (barge) to comply with Reg 24 of the Dock Workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Regulations 1990, as stated below-

- i) When a ship is lying at a wharf or quay for the purpose of dock work, adequate and safe means of access to the ship, properly installed and secured, shall be provided.
- ii) Safe means, required by sub-regulation (1) shall be as follows:

Where practicable, the ship, accommodation ladder or gangway or a similar construction, shall be-

- a) not less than 55 cms, wide at the steps and of adequate depth with steps having permanent non-skid surface; properly secured and securely fenced throughout its length on each side to a clear height of one meter by means of upper and lower rails, taut ropes or chains or by other equally safe means except that in the case of ship's accommodation ladder such fencing shall be necessary one side only provided that the other side is properly protected by the ship's side;
- b) constructed of suitable material and maintain in good condition and suitable for the purpose;
- c) maintained in a condition as to prevent slipping;
- d) fitted with a platform at either end of the ladder and the lower platform or the treads resting on the dock;
- e) an angle maintained not exceeding 40 degrees to the horizontal irrespective of resting on the dock.

- II. All the barges should be provided with bulwark or guard rail on its outer edge of the upper deck to prevent any person to board on the barge from any point from wharf except the means of access.

It will be the duty of the owner, or master, or officer-in-charge and the agents of the ship (barge) to comply with regulation 29 of the Dock Workers (Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations 1990, as stated below-

Reg.29- All upper decks to which dock worker may have access for the purpose of carrying on dock work shall be provided on the outer edge upto a height of one meter above the deck with bulwark or guard rails so designed, constructed and placed, as to prevent any dock worker from accidentally falling overboard.

- III. Effective deck watch shall be ensured when the vessel is alongside.

- IV. All the agents whose employees are engaged in dock working in the port premises shall make arrangement to impart initial and periodic safety training to their supervisors and all categories of their workers in consultation with Safety Officer.

Reg.111 of the same statues has provision for the training of dock workers, responsible persons, etc.

- V. The life buoy shall be kept at the wharf for an emergency retrieval of person falling in the sea.

2. You are requested to give publicity amongst your members for strict compliance of the above safety instructions.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**( R. N. SHAIKH )**  
**DY.TRAFFIC MANAGER (GEN.)**