



# SAILORS' UNION OF INDIA (SUI)

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To,

**Shri. A.K.Singh.**

**Director,**

Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers, (RPSL)

Seamen's Employment Office.

Nau Bhavan, 10<sup>th</sup> R.K. Kamani Marg,

Ballard Estate, Mumbai,

Pin 400038.

Date:- 01/01/2016

**Subject: - Selling and sharing of Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers License (RPSL) with private manning companies / unauthorized recruitment agencies.**

Respected Sir,

With reference to the seafarers grievances our unions engaged in a survey to find how the unauthorized manning agents recruits the seafarers onboard with the help of the registered RPSL companies. As a result of the survey SUI found that some registered companies selling and sharing their valuable RPSL to the unauthorized recruitment agencies to churn up the income. Such unauthorized companies recruit seafarers on board, abroad with a bogus contract of agreement with the help of the RPSL assuring FORM III. After the sign on somewhere TURKY, THAILAND, MALASIA, KISH ISLAND IN IRAN or else the seafarers realize that they have been trapped by the unauthorized manning agents by giving inappropriate contract of agreement.

In the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules 2005, has not contained strict "rules" against the RPSL companies who commit malpractices in the means of selling and sharing license. Due to the scarcity of the strict rules in the RPS, the registered companies encourages the authorized manning agents come forward to join hands together to exploit the seafarers! There are hundreds of seafarers still trapped in the hands of the registered / unauthorized manning agents craving for job as well as the "ransom" which they have paid for getting job.





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**SAILORS' UNION OF INDIA (SUI)**, kindly request to the Director of the RPSL that please include some strong rules in the **Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers Rules 2005** to put a bridle on registered (RPSL) companies those who engaged in the business of selling and sharing of the RPSL with the unauthorized recruitment agencies.

## SUI's suggestions.

1. Immediately send a circular to all registered RPSL company directing that **RPSL cannot be shared or sale with/to any authorized or unauthorized companies for the purpose of recruit seafarers on board in India as well as abroad.** License can be used only for the registered company and its branches only.
2. Update the FORM III regularly with the employment office.
3. If the registered (RPSL ) company misuse the license, huge amount must be slapped as penalty or else permanently cancel the license.

Looking forward for your necessary action in this regard and oblige.

Thanking you,

With Seasons greetings,

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President.

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