

DIRECTORATE OF SHIPPING SERVICES

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PRESS NOTE

Chief Secretary directs DSS to resume Line Boat services to Rangat


The Andaman & Nicobar Administration is persistently receiving demands from the residents of Middle Andaman, Shaheed Dweep and Swarajdweep, to restore the services of Line Boat services to Rangat from Port Blair as per pre COVID time. Earlier the Directorate of Shipping Service use to deploy its speed vessels regularly to Rangat via connecting nearby intervening Island however, from last one year due to resurgence of COVID situation in these Islands, this service has been suspended.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration after due examination of the above demand, especially considering the fact that the Line Boat service is an essential service and the only service which provides connectivity between islands like Shaheed Dweep, Swarajdweep, and Long Island with Rangat, has directed the Directorate of Shipping Services to resume the Line Boat services immediately however, with strict adherence of COVID protocol.

Accordingly, the Directorate of Shipping Services has decided to restore the Line boat services weekly twice as per the following schedule :-

Sl No	Boat	Capacity	Day	Time	Route
1.	Speed Boat	75/100	Monday	0700 Hrs	Port Blair to Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swarajdweep, Strait Island and Long Island.
2.	Speed Boat	75/100	Tuesday	0700 Hrs	Rangat to Port Blair via Long Island, Strait Island, Swarajdweep and Shaheed Dweep
3.	Speed Boat	75/100	Friday	0700 Hrs	Port Blair to Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swarajdweep, Strait Island and Long Island.
4	Speed Boat	75/100	Saturday	0700 Hrs	Rangat to Port Blair via Long Island, Strait Island, Swarajdweep and Shaheed Dweep

The above schedule will be implemented with effect from Friday the 25th Feb 2022 and shall be reviewed every fortnightly, for suitable amendments, if any required.


Deputy Director (SS)

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3. The PS to Secretary (Shipping), A & N Administration, Port Blair.
4. The PA to DC (SA)/ DC (N&MA) for information.
5. The SP(SA), Port Blair for information.
6. The Harbour Master, PMB for information.
7. The AD(Commercial), DSS for information.
8. The ACC, DSS for information.
9. The Checking Inspector, DSS for information.


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