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S.O. 6112(E), made under section 11(2) of the Act, appoints three principal officers to be in charge of the MMD offices at three ports. Shri J. Senthil Kumar takes Kochi, Shri Vikrant Rai takes Kolkata, and Capt. Santosh K. Darokar takes Mumbai. Its file number is F. No. SR-20020/5/2020-ML(i).

S.O. 6113(E), made under section 11(3), says eight MMD offices are to be in the charge of a surveyor appointed by the Central Government. They are Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Port Blair (Sri Vijaya Puram) (Andaman and Nicobar Islands), Paradip (Odisha), Haldia (West Bengal), Mangalore (Karnataka), Tuticorin (Tamil Nadu), Jamnagar (Gujarat) and Goa. It doesn't name the surveyors. Its file number is F. No. SR-20020/5/2020-ML(ii).

Neither notification gives a start date of its own or says what an MMD office does. Neither names an earlier appointment it replaces.

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Principal officers appointed	Kochi, Kolkata and Mumbai
Offices in the charge of a surveyor	Visakhapatnam, Port Blair (Sri Vijaya Puram), Paradip, Haldia, Mangalore, Tuticorin, Jamnagar and Goa
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Signed by	Venkatesapathy S, Joint Secretary

Who is in charge of each Mercantile Marine Department office

MMD office	In charge	Notification
Kochi	Shri J. Senthil Kumar, principal officer	S.O. 6112(E)
Kolkata	Shri Vikrant Rai, principal officer	S.O. 6112(E)
Mumbai	Capt. Santosh K. Darokar, principal officer	S.O. 6112(E)
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Port Blair (Sri Vijaya Puram), Andaman and Nicobar Islands	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Paradip, Odisha	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Haldia, West Bengal	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Mangalore, Karnataka	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Jamnagar, Gujarat	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)
Goa	A surveyor appointed by the Central Government	S.O. 6113(E)

The notification (PDF, 442 KB)

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