

पत्तन प्रबंधन बोर्ड  
**PORT MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

It is hereby informed that the Inland Vessels (IV) Act, 2021 has been notified by Govt. of India. Accordingly, for any new Inland Vessel to be constructed after 01.02.2026, consent will have to be obtained from the Chief Port Administrator, Port Management Board (PMB), A & N Administration. Any vessel application received for survey after 01.02.2026 which does not have the Consent of Chief Port Administrator for its construction will not be entertained by PMB for Initial survey of the vessel itself. Also, failure to comply with this directive will tantamount to levy of penalty/action as per provision contained in Inland Vessel Act, 2021.

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