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Number of sailors in India rose more than one and a half times

Union Minister of State for Transport and Highways, Shipping and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Shri Mansukh L Mandaviya announced today that the number of sailors in the country has increased by more than 60 thousand. He said that only 92,000 people were involved in ship-related jobs, now their number has increased to 1,54,000.

The Minister said that the Government has taken steps to increase employment opportunities for the youth in this area. Under this, improvement in sailors' examination is included in the reforms. He said that in the first place where only one to two percent of the applicants had passed the above examination, with the better course, now the passing percentage has reached 10 percent. The result is coming out as the passage of more and more youth for employment in this area.

Mr Mandviya also said that to ensure that the students who trained to become a sailor get an opportunity to travel to the sea during their training period, rules and regulations have been strengthened. He said that he would get better experience from this and would also prepare him for employment in this area.

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