

## Press release

### **MEDEVAC on the high seas to save a 63 old chief engineer 228 NM off kochi**

MT TORM VENTURE, a Danish flag vessel on passage from Singapore to Fujairah, at around 1215 hrs today in position about 228 nm (400 kms) from Kochi, West of the Lakshadweep islands reported her 63 year old chief engineer suffering from acute abdominal pain due to ulcer requiring immediate medical evacuation on advice of Radio Denmark Tele Medical Advice Service (TMAS). Joint rescue coordination Centre (JRCC) Denmark requested MRCC Mumbai India for assistance.

The vessel was initially diverted towards Kochi. After about an hour, the Master reported the condition of the patient was getting worse and going on and off the conscious state. ICG Interceptor Boat C- 421 operating in the Lakshadweep islands was diverted and reached the MT TORM VENTURE, a 42000 GRT oil products tanker on ballast, and transferred the patient and safely brought to the Lakshadweep administration's speciality hospital at Agatti. He was admitted at around 1725 hrs today thus saving the precious life of a 63 year old Danish chief engineer in the nick of the moment.

The local Coast Guard Commander based at Kavaratti coordinated with the Lakshadweep administration authorities and the assistance was forthcoming. An air ambulance of the administration is kept standby for transferring the patient to mainland if a need arises on the advice of the doctors at Agatti.

The quick and speedy response in the Medevac case is the tenth in this year by MRCC Mumbai and has once again reposed the faith among the merchant vessels transiting the Arabian Sea in the sea lanes of communication.

