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## INDIAN COAST GUARD EVACUATES 75 YEARS OLD CARDIAC STROKE GERMAN PASSENGER AT HIGH SEAS OFF GOA

In a swift response operation undertaken by Indian Coast Guard on 11 Nov 2017, a 75 years old German passenger who suffered from cardiac stroke at sea was successfully evacuated from MV 'Mein Schiff I' off Goa.

At about 1415 Hrs on 11 Nov, Indian Coast Guard Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre at Goa received a call from master of a Cruise Liner 'MV Mein Schiff I' for urgent Medical evacuation of a 75 years old German Passenger who suffered from Cardiac Stroke, Hypertension and Lung fibrosis. The Malta flagged passenger vessel was on passage from Mumbai to Colombo.

On receipt of information Coast Guard District Headquarter, Goa launched helicopter and deployed a fast interceptor vessel C-148 with medical team. Meanwhile the agent of the vessel was directed to arrange cardiac ambulance with medical team near shore.

In a well calibrated operation at high sea, the Coast Guard helicopter evacuated the patient by winching up while taking all precautions as there was no landing area onboard the vessel. The patient was thereafter safely handed over to vessel agent at Miramar beach, Goa. The patient is reported to be stable and under medical observation at Manipal Hospital, Goa.

The Indian Coast Guard, being the Nodal Agency for Maritime Search and Rescue in the Indian Search and Rescue Region, has been providing yeoman service by responding to calls of distress from mariners and sea farers in tune with its moto..***We Protect***. The prompt response and daring evacuation of the critically ill patient by Coast Guard helicopter was highly applauded by the 1855 foreign tourists onboard the Cruise Liner.