

Wreck Report No.

REPORT OF TOTAL LOSS, CASUALTY, &c.

No. 26101 in R.B. Wreck Book, p. 64/53 Date of writing this report 6th July, 19 53

Ship's Name m.s. "SANGOLA" (& RMC) of London Tons { Gross 8646 Net 5053

Built at Whiteinch When 1947 6 Casualty notice sent to Owner --- Owner's reply ---

British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

122, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3. and Calcutta.

Classification details

100A1	LMC CS8,51
Freeboard	DBS5,51
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SS Cal.-8,51	Lloyd's RMC (RS) 5,53
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Casualty 1st July, 1953.

of Casualty

This ship stranded on Hiragunj Sand, 20 miles below Calcutta, broke her back and suffered extensive damage. There is a reasonable chance of refloating her after discharge of cargo which is now being carried out, and no casualty notice has been sent to the Owners.

N.B. Now refloated. 7/7.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

SANGOLA. — Calcutta, July 2. — Motor vessel Sangola (Calcutta for Kawasaki) grounded at noon on July 1 on Hiragunj Sand, seven miles below Budge Budge; now reported very serious. Efforts to re-float with tug assistance failed and during night back broke. Lloyd's Register surveyor reports main deck stringer only important strength left. Main steam pipes broken, engine-room flooded. Possibility of refloating remote and then only if all cargo, 3500 tons deadweight, discharged. All passengers disembarked and returned to Calcutta this morning. Retaining only necessary personnel on board. Latest report just received from marine superintendent advises situation deteriorating and considers probably necessary to abandon ship during night hours owing to danger of sudden collapse. First report indicates due to steering gear failure.

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Calcutta, July 2.—Motor vessel Sangola has severe buckling of shell plating, port and starboard, abreast forward deep tanks. Main deck stringer plating buckled but presently intact but upper decks badly buckled at stringers. Upper sheerstrake, port and starboard, badly buckled and ruptured. Superstructure badly buckled amidships. Vessel presently listed 5 degrees to port. Engine-room and deep tanks tidal and presently flooded to depth of 15 ft. Presently arranging disposal of luggage and cargo, if practicable. Anticipate rupture of vessel amidships imminent as position deteriorating with each tide. Consider vessel will become a constructive total loss.—Lloyd's Agents.

SANGOLA. — Calcutta, July 3.—Motor vessel Sangola: Salvage Association's surveyor reports vessel aground Hiragunj Sand, about 20 miles below Calcutta, heading 320 deg., near centre of river. Very severely damaged, back broken, badly hogged, shell plating heavily buckled full depth sides and sheerstrake fractured, all decks buckled, superstructure torn and twisted. Engine-room and deep tanks tidal, tunnels flooded, apparently from leaking watertight doors, holds watertight. Soundings vary owing to drifting sand and conditions slightly deteriorating each tide. Consider after part discharge of cargo and pumping out of tunnels reasonable prospects of refloating, using local tugs. No salvors locally and advisable attempt made before spring tides, starting July 10. Now discharging cargo into lighters.—Lloyd's Agents per Salvage Association. (See issue of July 3.)

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Committee

Committee's Minute

(explanatory) Stranded 7.53



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