

s.s. "NARDANA"

It is submitted the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., be advised in reply to their letter of the 10th instant, that it is noted that they propose to carry out alterations to be above vessel to make her suitable for the transport of horses, and with regard to the queries raised by them, they should be informed that

1. No objection will be raised to the fitting of Mechans hinged watertight doors in the bulkheads between Nos. 1 and 2, 2 and 3, 4 and 5 and 5 and 6 lower tween decks, provided the doors will be accessible at all times. If, however, they will not be accessible at all times, watertight doors of the sliding type should be fitted, controlled locally and also from above the shelter deck. A plan showing the doors which it is proposed to fit should be submitted for consideration.

2. Side scuttles may be fitted in the shelter and lower tween decks as proposed. It is noted that those in the lower tween decks will be of special underwater type and this is in order. All the others should be fitted with efficient hinged deadlights.

3. If the forced draught system will involve ventilating trunks passing through the watertight bulkheads, the intactness of the bulkheads should be maintained, and plans should be submitted showing how it is proposed that this will be done.

4. The doors in the ships sides giving access to Nos. 2 and 4 shelter tween decks should be of strong hinged watertight type, securely closed from the inside of the ship, and a plan of these should be submitted for consideration.

If the alterations are carried out in accordance with the above principles, and to the Surveyors satisfaction, the freeboard at present assigned to the ship will not be affected.

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Mr. Polts please



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