

## **THE COMMISSION'S HEARINGS IN INDIA**

The Commission met in Bombay on 28 July in facilities provided by the Director-General Shipping, Sri D T Joseph, IAS.

The meeting, which was open to the public, was very well attended and the Commission received submissions from officers of the Indian Shipping Directorate; Merchant Marine Office; the Indian Company of Master Mariners; the National Union Of Seamen, India; the Indian National Shipowners Association; individual shipowners and seafarers.

The Commission also met with Dr Leo Barnes of NUSI at the Union offices.

The formal presentations, which will be posted to this site, were followed by wide-ranging and robust discussion in open forum.

Discussions covered the use of banning as a deterrent; the role and responsibility of owners, the role of Class and PSC; the quality of training and manpower issues and the need to improve human relations both aboard and ashore.

A range of possible avenues of attack was proposed and will be considered in detail by the Commission.

The next meetings are scheduled for Manila on 31 July and 1 August before the Commission moves to Beijing, Hong Kong and Tokyo to complete the Asian leg.