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The Seamen's Provident Fund Organization (SPFO) organized a 'Provident Fund Nomination Mela' for the benefit of seafarers and to create and enhance awareness among them about filing and changing their nominations, postmarriage.

Shri Surendra Kumar, Commissioner of the SPFO informed that the Mela was driven by an observation that many seafarers had to remain bereft of their benefits due to complications in settling their claims that was a result of being ignorant about the correct procedure. When he enquired he found out that very few of the gathered seafarers were familiar with the process of filling out the nomination forms correctly.

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He urged the participants in the PF Nomination Fair to understand the importance of nomination of their kin so that they get access to their own hard-earned money which otherwise remains stuck owing to the legal glitches in the system. He informed that this lack of awareness has resulted in the money being available but indispensible to the family members due to the fact that the nomination process wasn't followed appropriately.

Shri Surendra Kumar also exhorted everyone present to spread the word among other seafarers so that they also remain updated about the procedure and utilize the facility. National Seafarers' Union of India (NUSI)'s **Vice-President Mr. Louis Somir Gomes** and Organising Secretary **Mr. Suresh Solanki** were present at the event representing the seafarer fraternity.

The NUSI VP, **Mr. Gomes** stated that this situation of unawareness has posed a grave problem and the family is left in a tough spot. He urged everyone that before they leave the place, their nomination forms should be filled out correctly and they don't have to face any issues and they make optimum use of the opportunity.

The officers guided those who participated in the PF Nomination Mela and a Question Answer session was also held where doubts and queries were addressed.

The seafarers were thankful to the SPFO Commissioner for the kind gesture and wholeheartedly took advantage of the opportunity.