

LLOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING,

Post Box No 4922, Karachi.

30th January, 1956

Your Ref: Fbd R.

Dear Sir,

Ans'd

"FAKIRA"

Receipt of your letter dated the 27th January 1956 together with the following cable is acknowledged:-

"FAKIRA RE UR LET 7TH FORWARDING INSTRUCTIONS IN MEANTIME REPORT BY RETURN NATURE OF EVIDENCE AND CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO WATER ENTERING HOLDS ALSO OTHER PARTICULARS ARISING FROM PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - COMMITTEE"

In reply I have to inform you that the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, told me that the findings of the Preliminary Enquiry have not yet been published and he would not say what they were. He did, however, tell me in confidence that no further action is likely to be taken as he has recommended that no Court of Enquiry be held in this case.

In a private talk with the Master of the vessel I was told that no water entered No 2 hold and that the water which entered the fore peak was pumped out and no increase was noted up to the time when most of the crew left the ship.

It would appear that all the crew with the exception of 7 members left the ship without the authority of the Master and the seven remaining could do nothing to prevent the water entering No 1 hold and the pumps could not keep the water down. The vessel was eventually abandoned some hours before it sank.

At the time of the loss the ship was loaded to the marks with scrap iron and iron ore.

I am, Dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

*J.R.P. Conolly*

(J.R.P. Conolly)  
Surveyor to Lloyd's Register,  
Karachi.

The Secretary,  
London.



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It is submitted that should be requested to keep this office advised of any further developments in this case. We should be requested to ascertain, if possible, in what way water entered the fore peak and No. 1 hold of the ship.

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Mr Turnbull.

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