

11th October, 1940.

Dear Sir,

I have to acquaint you that I am in receipt of a letter from the British India Steam Navigation Co., in which they state that they propose to deal with the outstanding survey requirements on the Steamer "HARDANA" during the vessel's stay at Bombay this voyage.

For your information I may say that the Second Special Survey No.2, for which the Year of Grace is now expired, has been partly held as follows:-

No.5 hold, Nos. 4 and 5 upper and lower tween decks and the upper and lower tween deck bunker spaces examined; the deep tank and Nos. 6 and 7 double bottom tanks examined internally and tested; anchors and cables ranged and examined, and the starboard engine room double bottom tank examined.

As regards the machinery the following remains to be done:-

Electrical equipment to be examined and tested; all starboard bottom ends, starboard thrust shaft cone coupling, pumping arrangements and the auxiliary pumps (with the exception of the port and starboard circulating, starboard lubricating oil, and general service pumps) to be examined.

I may say that some indented plating on port and starboard sides requires to be dealt with, and permanent repairs carried out to bottom plating aft at the first opportunity. I may further say that the Middlesbrough Surveyors reported in April last that temporary repairs had been effected in way of some bottom rivets in the third intercostal from centre line on port side of engine room double bottom tank, and they recommended that permanent repairs should be effected at the first

opportunity.

I have to add that the London Surveyors subsequently reported that they found the forecastle deck considerably reduced in thickness, and that as material for renewal was not available, it was covered with 'Durastic' $1\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. These deck repairs require to be examined and dealt with as may be found necessary.

In the event of the vessel being diverted to another Indian Port, you will be so good as to forward, for the Surveyors' information, full particulars of the case.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the
Classification Committee.

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