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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No.20-12/1/2020-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 3732)

Dated: 14.08.2024

**ORDER**

1. This order is issued in compliance with the directives of the Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P. No. 16109 of 2024 and WMP No. 17639 of 2024, W.A. No. 2113 of 2024. It also addresses the ongoing connected matters in W.P. No. 23104 of 2024, W.P. No. 22444 of 2024 and W.M.P. No. 9846 of 2022 in W.P. No. 23712 of 2021 before the Madras High Court.
2. Whereas, Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology (**hereinafter referred as "SNCET"**) (MTI No. 414046), located at Sri Nandhanam Maritime Academy, Nandhanam Nagar, Molagarampatti, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu-635602, is a Maritime Training Institute (MTI) approved by the Directorate General of Shipping (**hereinafter referred as "DGS"**) to conduct DGS-approved maritime courses. Whereas, SNCET is operated by the Sri Nandhanam Education and Social Welfare Trust, represented by Shri. PMN Mohan Krishnaa, Chairman and an interested party/petitioner in the aforementioned cases.
3. Whereas, the DGS issued an approval letter (F. No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP Ratings/03) on 01.01.2018 to SNCET for conducting General Purpose Ratings (GP Rating) training course, allowing 40 candidates per batch, with one batch per year. This approval was valid until 30.06.2018, contingent upon constructing a swimming pool and obtaining approval for five STCW basic modular courses. Despite SNCET's failure to meet these conditions within the stipulated timeframe, a request for an extension was received on 04.04.2018. The DGS, by letter dated 16.05.2018 (F. No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP-II/247), responded that the request for an extension would only be considered upon full compliance with stipulated conditions.
4. Whereas, SNCET was initially granted approval (No.: TR/A/03/2019, File No. 3-TR (2)/2006-GP Rating-532) on 15.01.2019 for the "Pre-Sea Training GP Rating Course,"

valid for one batch of 40 candidates until 30.06.2019. Additional approval required compliance with specific criteria, including constructing a swimming pool and submitting an MoU for candidate placement. Following a reconsideration request and commitment to construct the pool, DGS issued conditional approval on 26.03.2020. Further a consolidated approval (No.: TR/A/09/2020, File No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP-II) was granted on 18.05.2020 for 7 Pre-Sea Courses, including the GP Rating Course, valid for one year. This approval included conditions for compliance and inspections. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, again an extension of one year was granted on 18.05.2021, maintaining the same conditions.

5. Whereas, on 01.06.2022, DGS issued an amendment to the consolidated approval (No.: TR/A/02/2022, dated 10.05.2020) and the letter dated 18.05.2021. The amendment specified that the validity of approval is contingent upon the construction of a swimming pool within the approved premises by 31.05.2025, as per the undertaking dated 12.05.2022 submitted by MTI. However, as of this date, there has been persistent non-compliance with DGS orders, and the actions of SNCET and its representatives have amounted to contemptuous disobedience of these directives and flouting of opportunities afforded for rectification of deficiencies and to ensure continued compliance.
6. Noting that, despite being aware of the stipulated criteria for the approval and failing to meet these requirements, SNCET submitted several online applications. These applications were rejected by the DGS on multiple occasions due to continued and recurring non-compliance with infrastructure requirements, committed by SNCET.
7. Reiterating that the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has consistently sought compliance from the SNCET and has adhered to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras in this regard. The DGS has repeatedly afforded opportunities to the SNCET by granting temporary approvals to ensure compliance with the mandatory criteria and standards mandated by DGS orders and circulars, aligning with global maritime standards as set forth by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the STCW Convention 1978, all in consideration of the welfare of innocent students.
8. Whereas, SNCET represented by the Sri Nandhanam Educational and Social Welfare Trust and its Chairman, PMN Mohan Krishnaa, have been persuading malicious attempts to harass and discredit official authorities, which also included levelling of baseless rumors against the diligent officials. Further, the Directorate has received numerous complaints from students and faculty of serious nature regarding inadequate infrastructure, non-

  
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