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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No.20-19016/47/2020-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 4194)

Dated: 26.02.2024

ORDER

1. Whereas, Sri Chakra Maritime College (SCMC) (MTI No.402017) located at R.R. Green Field, No:10, Tower Road, Moratandi, Pattanur-Vill, Vanur-Taluk, Auroville, District:Villupuram, Tamil Nadu-605101 is Directorate General of Shipping (hereinafter referred as DGS) approved Maritime Training Institute (hereinafter referred as 'MTI') for conducting the DGS approved Maritime Courses. The SCMC is run by Sri Chakra Charitable Trust, represented by its Director Shri K.V.R. Srinivas.

2. Whereas, DGS issued approval letter vide F. No. 3-TR(23)/2002-GP/600 dated 13.07.2017 to SCMC for Training for General Purpose Ratings (GP Rating), from 40 candidates to 80 candidates per batch with two batches in a year (Annual intake should not exceed 160 students per year).

3. Whereas, the approval was given subject to following conditions

(1) The institute will submit sponsorship letter for individual trainees within 30 days of the commencement of the batch.

(2) The institute will make a presentation within 30 days outlining its vision, strategy to improve quality of training.

(3) Approval is initially for a period of 12 months and will be subject to the fulfilment of the above two conditions.

4. Whereas, a consolidated Approval No.:TR/A/83/2019 vide File No. 3-TR(23)/2002-STSDSD/64 dated 04.09.2019 was issued to SCMC covering the 06 courses including "Pre-sea Training for General Purpose Ratings course" for 40 candidates in a batch with 04 batches in a year (two batches in January and two batches in July i.e. total 160 candidate in a year). Special instruction was given in the consolidated Approval letter to SCMC mentioning as **"The validity of approval shall be subject to validity of the land lease agreement"**. Whereas the approval was also subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the above referred approval order.

5. Whereas, the SCMC has applied online application no. 100490 for additional batch of Training for General Purpose Ratings course (GPR) on 16.05.2022. After initial scrutiny at the Directorate and on submission of the deficient documents by the SCMC, the online application was forwarded to Principal Officer [PO], Mercantile Marine Department [MMD], Chennai on 08.06.2022 for inspection and their recommendations.

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6. Whereas, SCMC inspection towards GPR enhancement was carried out on 26-27th July, 2022 by Shri Satish Kamath, Engineer & Ship Surveyor and Capt. Tapesh Ghosh, Nautical Surveyor. Their observations during inspection were communicated to the SCMC with direction to submit compliance report in that regard at the earliest. Further, MMD, Chennai sent query back to the SCMC to submit compliance report and video recording of all the practicals conducted within 15 days. The details of Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) were asked from DNV-GL (Recognized Organization) considering the low placement percentage.

7. Whereas, the PO, MMD, Chennai in his recommendations mentioned that;
1. *“though inspection reports that the institute has necessary infrastructure for conduct of additional batch, the CIP grading of the institute is C-2 due to poor placement record. For the year 2018 the placement was 63%, for the year 2019 the placement was 68% and for the year 2020 the placement was 51%. So the average placement for the past three years is around 60 percentage only.*
 2. *In view of poor placement record, approval for any additional capacity for the GP rating course, is not recommended at this stage.*
 3. *Further, whether to retain existing batch strength may be decided by the DGS subject to compliance with DGS Circular No. 18 of 2020.*

Accordingly, it is recommended that DGS may reject the request for additional batch and direct the institute to comply with DGS circular 18 of 2020 and adjust the intake capacity of forthcoming batches based on the placement record of preceding 12 months”.

8. Whereas, the Directorate further examined the matter and found that the PO, MMD, Chennai carried out inspection and asked DNV-GL to review the CIP grading w.r.t. Ship Board Training. DNV-GL accordingly revised the grading of SCMC from A-1 to B-2 for overall grading and placement records have been graded as C-2. This particular aspect is not found mentioned in the letter sent by SCMC. It is to mention that as per Training Circular No. 01 of 2017 dated 13.01.2017 “institute falling under the category B-2, C-1 & C-2 shall not be entitled to apply for new pre-sea courses or enhancement of seats till they improve their grading to B-1 / A-2 or A-1”.

9. Whereas, the PO, MMD, Chennai recommended for rejection of the online application of this SCMC and the same has been accepted by the DGS in view of the Training Circular No. 01 of 2017 dated 13.01.2017. Accordingly, the online application of the SCMC for additional batch of training for General Purpose Ratings course (GPR) was rejected on 09.01.2023 by the DG Shipping.

10. Whereas, further, as on date 12.03.2023, the data on Ship Board Placement of Sri Chakra Maritime College [SCMC] for GP Rating for last 5 years has been taken from E-Gov. branch of DG Shipping and the same is as below;

