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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No: 20-11011/32/2021-TRG – DGS

Date: 18.10.2021

## SUSPENSION ORDER

The Directorate had accorded approval to the MTI “M/s. Southern Academy of Maritime Studies, Chennai” (MTI No.402016), 82 Panappakkam, Chennai Thiruparthi Road, Uthukottai Taluk, District – Thiruvallur, Tamil Nadu – 601102 for conducting Pre-sea and Post-sea courses. The MTI belongs to the Trust M/s Sri Vekkaiammam Educational and Charitable Trust 94 East Madha Church Street Royapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The present Trustees of the said Trust are 1. Shri. M Karthikeyan (S/o Shri Madurai Chettiar), 2. Mrs. Gnanasoundari (wife of Mr. M. Karthikeyan), 3. M/s. Southern Academy of Maritime Studies Pvt. Limited and 4. Mrs. P. Rajameenakshi (wife of Mr. Padmanabhan).

2. Whereas, several complaints were received at the Directorate against the subject Maritime Training Institute (MTI), most of which fall within the meaning of “Major Deficiency”. The Directorate vide letter no. 20/11011/32/2021-TRG-DGS dated 01.06.2021 issued inspection order of the Institute. Subsequently MMD, Chennai carried out inspection of the institute on 5th & 9th of August 2021.

3. Whereas, a copy of report of inspection with major and minor deficiencies has already been provided to SAMS, Chennai by the inspection team of MMD, Chennai. The inspecting team pointing out several lapses and violations from the part of the institute management, against the applicable DGS guidelines, many of which fall within the meaning "Major Deficiency" as per Section 5.3 and 5.5 of Part 5 of DGS Order No. 07 of 2016 and Section 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 of Part 5 of DGS Orders 05 of 2016 dated 01.11.2016.

These deficiencies were mainly related to the following:

- Severe inadequacy of faculty and conduct of classes using unqualified faculty.


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- b. Serious lapses in infrastructure including invalid land lease deed. Lease deed for the premises found expired.
- c. Non-availability of video records of practical training.
- d. Irregularities in attendance of faculty including the principal etc.
- e. Non compliance of CIP inspection.
- f. Institute functioning without Principal.
- g. Video recording of Virtual classes not found.
- h. The MTI has not paid 1% Annual fee to the Directorate as per the actual fee collected from the candidates.
- i. The institute has not provided Ship Board Training to all DNS candidates of previous batches as per the Guidelines.
- j. The conduct of course upon expiry of Registered lease deed: Knowing fully that registered lease agreement of the institute had expired on 1st February 2020, the institute continued to conduct the courses in violation of the applicable DGS orders, till such time the same was reported during the inspection on 5th August 2021. The justification for the failure to timely renew the deed on the pretext of Covidpandemic is not tenable, as the deed was expired before the pandemic and that the institute had ample time for executing the same (10yrs). Hence, notwithstanding the fact that the deed has been renewed post-inspection, the deficiency still remains as Major Deficiency as per para 5.3.1.7 of Part V of DGS Order 07 of 2021 and 6.4.1.1 of DGS Training Manual.
- k. Inadequacy of faculty: As per the list given by the institute, on the date of the inspection the institute was having only 3Master Mariner, 1 Second Engineer, 3 Second officers, 2fourth engineer and two instructors. It is evident from the list of faculties provided post inspection, that the institute is having less than 40% of required faculty strength and many are not even qualified as per the DG Order 5 of 2013.
- l. Faculty not meeting qualification as per DGS requirements: The faculty list provided by the institute shows that three of them are second officers and two are fourth engineers, who are not qualified as per the DGS guidelines. (Ref. DGS Order 05 of 2013 and respective course guidelines). Further the institute has even found to have made wrong submissions in the DGS system, claiming them as Chief Mates and Chief Engineers respectively. Hence the deficiency still remains as a Major Deficiency under 6.4.1.5 of DGS Training Manual.

  
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