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<p>1. It has been brought to the notice of the Directorate that Bridge watch-keeping certificates are being issued to candidates by the representatives of the company instead of it being issued by the master of the vessel.</p> <p>2. Bridge watch-keeping certificates are required to be submitted by candidates appearing in the competency examination. The certificate essentially confirms that the candidate has understood the procedures to be adopted to keep a safe navigational watch.</p> <p>3. It is therefore absolutely essential that only the master of the vessel issue such certificates. Only in exceptional circumstances, the representatives of the employer are permitted to issue such certificates. The company issuing such certificates must undertake full responsibility and any consequences that may arise out of the certificates issued by them. Certificates issued by the company should clearly specify the reason due to which they have been issued and also the reason why it could not be issued by the master of the vessel.</p> <p>4. Only certificates issued by members of INSA/FOSMA/MASSA and other companies that have registered under the provisions of Merchant Shipping (Recruitment & Placement of seafarers) Rules 2005 (as amended) will be accepted by the concerned Mercantile Marine Departments. Companies / manning agents who are not members of INSA/FOSMA/MASSA and have not yet registered themselves under the Recruitment Rule may take necessary steps to avoid any difficulty to their candidates.</p> <p>5. This will be strictly complied for candidates signing off after 1st January 2006.</p> <p>6. This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Adviser to the Government of India.</p> <p>Sd/- (Capt. Nautical Dy. Director General of Shipping [Tech]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">K.P.Jayakumar) Surveyor-cum-</p>		
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