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The Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping (STCW) Convention, 1997, as amended, of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) stipulates enhanced educational and training requirements for aspiring seafarers. The Government of India taking note of the changing paradigm in the global shipping industry and the need for producing & providing competent seafarers in line with the said Convention Standards, was instrumental in opening up the erstwhile government controlled maritime education and training sector to private players. The subsequent boost in international shipping trade encouraged the growth of a large number of Maritime Training Institutions [MTIs] in the country, with the due approval of the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai [Maritime Administration of India].

2. The structured training imparted by these institutions has paid dividends in the global shipping market, now, by the recognition of the quality of Indian seafarers. However, the limited availability of on-board of training berths has caused difficulties for trainees in completing the requisite sea training within a reasonable period.

3. The role undertaken by the MTIs in ensuring training berths for their students/trainees, till now, is notably far from encouraging. A recent review of the situation reveals that many trainees who have already completed their pre-sea class-room training are not able to, as yet, get training berths to complete their mandatory 'sea-time' required for appearing for the first level of the Certificate of Competency(CoC) examinations. In fact, the mandatory sea board training is embedded as the structured ship board training program (SSTP) in the case of the Diploma in Nautical Science [DNS], leading to B.Sc. Degree in Nautical Science. It would be necessary then, that the stakeholders, mainly the MTIs should ensure that these trainee seafarers are able to complete their training to enable them to appear for the CoC Examination. It is the primary responsibility of all stakeholders, mainly the MTIs, to ensure that these budding seafarers are able to start their career, timely, without an undue wait.

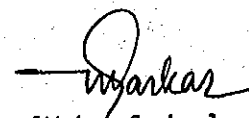
4. In view of the above, the Directorate has decided that all the MTIs approved for conducting the 1 year DNS Course leading to B Sc [Nautical Science] Degree shall henceforth, select only such candidates for whom they can provide the on board training for 18 months (SSTP) through proper tie up with the Shipping Companies / Ship Management Agencies / RPSL, or those who are sponsored by the entities mentioned above. It may be noted that the

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responsibility for placing such selected candidates for SSTP will be that of the Maritime Training Institute.

5. Therefore, all MTIs shall suitably select such candidates for the DNS Course keeping the above in mind. In the case of institutes affiliated with Indian Maritime University [IMU] for this program, such MTIs shall admit only those candidates who have qualified the entrance examination by the IMU, as and when conducted. MTIs which have affiliation with any other University, other than IMU, shall ensure that only such candidates for whom, the on board training for 18 months (SSTP) are secured through confirmed sponsorships, are selected for this course.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping in accordance with the powers conferred under Rule 47 of Merchant Shipping [Standard of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers] Rules, 1998.



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Dy. Director General of Shipping

To,

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3. Karnataka State Open University, Karnataka
4. All Academic Councils
5. The Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Departments, Mumbai/ Kolkata/ Chennai/Kochi
6. The Shipping Masters, Mumbai /Kolkata/Chennai
7. Chief Surveyor with the Govt. of India
8. Nautical Adviser to the Govt of India
9. Crews Branch
10. Computer Cell
11. QMS (EAC branch) Manual
12. PS to DG for DG's kind information.
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