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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

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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compliance with standards, misuse of faculty details without consent, holding and non-issuance of GP Rating Completion certificate, including threats.

9. Whereas, the ongoing non-compliance and representations submitted by SNCET and its Chairman, alongside the corresponding administrative actions, decisions, and deliberations undertaken by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD), Chennai, and the STCW Compliance Board, has been meticulously documented and clarified in the latest DGS order pertaining to M/s. Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology, Tirupattur, issued under File No. 20-12/2020-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 3732) dated 21.05.2024.
10. Whereas the above DGS order dated 21.05.2024, SNCET (MTI) submitted representations dated 25.05.2024 and 28.05.2024 against the DGS Order dated 21.05.2024. Subsequently the issue regarding GP Rating candidates of unauthorized batch (2021) of the MTI was placed and discussed in the 29th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 24.05.2024 and the decision taken in the 29th STCW Compliance Board meeting was conveyed to all the candidates of the said batch vide DGS letter dated 29.05.2024.
11. Considering that, the DGS have received a letter bearing No. BES/Jul'24/DGS/360 dated 12.07.2024 from the Board of Examinations for Seafarers Trust, Navi Mumbai regarding issuance of Text books for July 24 batch of GP rating course-SNCET-MTI No. 414046 and requested to advice in the matter as to whether the institute is approved by the DGS for the ongoing 2nd batch of GP Rating course. Subsequently the said issue was again deliberated in the 34th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 08.08.2024
12. Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court in ***W.P. No. 16109 of 2024 and WMP No. 17639 of 2024*** had rendered a judgment dated 21.06.2024, (received by MMD, Chennai on 04.07.2024) wherein it is laid down that:
 - "5. *The Court believes that there is nothing untoward in this approach. Sinch both parties are agreed on the position that the processing of the application is currently on-going, there is no need for intervention, except to fix the upper time limit within which such process will be completed. For this purpose, the parties agree that eight (8) weeks would suffice.*
 6. *Hence, application of the petitioner bearing No. 100592 dated 11.06.2023 will be processed in accordance with law and all applicable Rules and Regulations and a final view taken by the authority, either to accept or reject the same, the latter by way of a speaking order, **within a period of eight (8) weeks** from date of receipt of a copy of this*

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order. Needless to state, the principles of natural justice will be adhered to scrupulously as well."

13. Whereas, the MTI matter was again put before the STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 27.06.2024 for decision and deliberation. Further that, the SNCET has again made the various representations vide email dated 15.07.2024, 16.07.2024, 17.07.2024.
14. Noting that, subsequently, in compliance to the Hon'ble High Court of Madras Judgement Order dated 21.06.2024, On the direction of Directorate, MMD, Chennai had issued letter to SNCET on dated 24.07.2024 requesting to submit a comprehensive compliance report addressing all deficiencies, within seven (07) working days from the date of receipt of letter.
15. Considering that, midst of the ongoing administrative proceedings for verification of the claim of compliance by SNCET, the MTI field another ***WMP No. 9846 of 2022 in WP No. 23712 of 2021***. The Hon'ble High Court of Madras has passed the judgement order on 18.06.2024 and mentioned the Para 3 of said judgement as below:
"Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Petition is ordered and accordingly, the Writ Petition is restored".
16. Noting that, the SNCET vide email dated 02.08.2024 has forwarded Judgement Order dated 31.07.2024 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras in ***W.A. No. 2113 of 2024*** filed by Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology, Tirupattur. The Hon'ble High Court of Madras in its judgement had directed that ***"In the light of the rival submissions and considering the larger interest of the students, we direct the second respondent to consider the application of the appellant in the light of the additional documents furnished by them and process the same in accordance with law and all applicable Rules and Regulations and pass appropriate orders within two weeks, i.e., on or before 14.08.2024"***.
17. Whereas, in compliance to Hon'ble High Court of Madras Judgement order dated 21.06.2024 in ***W.P. No. 16109 of 2024 and WMP No. 17639 of 2024*** and Judgement Order dated 31.07.2024 in ***W.A. No. 2113 of 2024*** passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, the DG(S) has provided online hearing to the representative of MTI i.e. Shri PMN Mohan Krishnaa, Chairman before the 34th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 08.08.2024. The same was informed to the MTI vide DGS email dated 02.08.2024.

18. Whereas, the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai vide letter no. MMDC/PO/SAC/86-I/1617 dated 02.08.2024 has informed and recommended actions points to consider current issue of the SNCET (MTI).
19. Whereas, the SNCET issue regarding application bearing No. 100592 in the light of 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, was again put up before the 34th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 08.08.2024 for deliberation and decision. During the online hearing, all the submission made by Shri PMN Mohan Krishna, Chairman of SNCET vide emails dated 08.08.2024 were taken on record.
20. Noting that, to put on record that, the SNCET has voluntarily initiated the interactions on 29.07.2024 and also sent emails dt. 29.07.2024, and 30.07.2024 asserting that the chairman has appeared for personal enquiry and documentary audits at the MMD, Chennai. However, the MTI was not called for a personal enquiry or an audit by MMD, Chennai, rather was only provided with opportunity for submission of comprehensive documentary evidence of compliance. From the SNCET chairman's email communication and interactions, it could be inferred that his attempt was to fabricate evidence to mislead that a complete audit and verification process has occurred.
21. Whereas, SNCET during its personal hearing in 34th STCW Compliance Board meeting chairman Shri PMN Mohan Krishnaa has repeatedly referenced specific snippets from the Compliance Verification Report dated 11.12.2023, which suggested conditional approval based on compliance of deficiencies at Sr. Nos. 1, 7, 41, and 47. This selective representation is misleading and fails to provide a comprehensive picture of the regulatory expectations. However, it is pertinent to note that the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai after having physically visited the MTI's premises during the subject inspections has recommended in the same report as:
- "Recommended the Directorate to consider the proposal of the inspection team to allow the MTI for two batches of GP Rating in a year (40 students per batch) one batch in January and the other in July of each year for maintaining the continuity of the faculty. informatively, MMD, Chennai has recommended for two batches of GP Rating in a year (40 students per batch) one batch in January and other in July of each year vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/85/8967 doted 12.12.2017 (copy enclosed). "*
- Also, the existing running courses viz. Certificate Course in Maritime Catering (CCMC), Basic Safety Training (BST) and Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security*

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Duties (STSDSD) may continue to be allowed with present approved intake capacity and batch frequency.

Enhancement of batches of existing running courses and any new course may be considered only after satisfactory CIP inspection in the year 2024 and a course-specific inspection."

It may duly be noted that the above-referred recommendation was made by the inspection team and the PO, MMD, Chennai prior to the knowledge of the receipt of the complaints of the 19 students and subsequent discovery of information that the MTI conducted unauthorized batches of G.P. rating Courses during the year 2021, 2022 and 2023.

22. Whereas, after due scrutiny of all the documents submitted by the MTI; in compliance with judgments of Hon'ble Madras High Court in **WP 16109 of 2024 and WMP No. 17639 of 2024**, dated 21.06.2024 and **WA 2113 of 2024**, dated 31.07.2024 and accordingly in compliance with directives of DGS, it is noted that deficiencies at Sr. No. 1, 39 and 41 stand not rectified and rest of the deficiencies need to be further ascertained by means of compliance verification inspection.
23. Noting that, despite claims of compliance, upon verification it was found that the CAS attendance system at the MTI remains non-operational, as admitted by SNCET in their submissions dated 29.07.2024. The present Principal of the MTI Capt. Ramesh Babu Ramakrishnan (INDOS: 00N17548), who claimed to have enrolled for the AECS course commencing on 27.05.2024, has not undergone the training as verified through the DGS E-governance system.
24. Whereas, SNCET failed to demonstrate proof of compliance with the DGS Order dated 21.05.2024 in areas including (i) Undergoing compliance verification inspection, (ii) an Explanation regarding the conduct of unauthorized batches as against approval of a single batch per year since 2021 to 2023 (iii) MTI's firm commitment regarding the construction of the swimming pool in compliance with DGS training Branch Circular No. 07 of 2018 (iv) Written undertaking from the MTI management to adhere to the DGS Circulars and rules without demonstrating non-cooperation.
25. Noting that although the SNCET has only been inspected by the MMD, Chennai in 2023; your MTI has not undergone CIP inspection after 2018. . MTI has not undergone CIP inspection in 2024 and it is further noted that the MTI has failed to comply with DGS Training Branch Circular No. 31 of 2018 for placement of 85% of trainees onboard ship within 12 months of completion of the course and not in compliance with DGS Order 04

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of 2016 viz. para 13 (graded A1 for two consecutive years) & para 17 of CIP inspection of Pre-sea Maritime Training Institute (scored 80% or above in Section V - Placement Records for the last two years).

26. The deficiencies identified and threshold of compliance and non-compliances still continued to be committed by you / MTI is as provided hereunder:

S. No	Deficiencies observed during inspection	Comments after reviewing the documentary submission by MTI as on 02/08/2024
1.	CAS attendance system is non-operational. However, Bio-metric attendance system is being taken for the candidates and the faculty. The correspondence is ongoing with DGS for resolving this issue as informed by the Chairman.	CAS attendance system is non-operational as on date as per documentary submissions by MTI on 29/07/2024.
2.	Quality Manuals are not updated, revised quality manual not provided	Quality manuals found in order. Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
3.	Quality Manuals not reviewed in line with the DGS circular 23 of 2020 dated 08.06.2020	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
4.	Quality System ISO Manual Course list is not updated, new course nomenclature references not included/amended as per the new nomenclature (e.g. Basic Safety Training course, General Purpose Rating, STSDSD, CCMC)	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
5.	Faculty list details are to be updated in DGS website, many faculty names to be deleted as they are no longer working with the MTI. Some of the new faculty have to be entered in the Portal	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023. However, it is observed from MTI submission dated 29/07/2024 that MTI has changed their Principal and the status of other faculty members are not known.
6.	Videos of swimming pool witnessed, inflation of life raft is not being demonstrated to all the batches	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
7.	Mr. Pachiyappan A, has a UK CoC in the rank of Second Engineer and equivalent UK CoE. However, he is not fulfilling the requirement of qualification of faculty member with reference to para 3.8 of DGS Order 5 of 2013	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 29/07/2024. Mr. Pachiyappan A is redesignated as instructor. However, the MTI hasn't submitted the updated faculty list.
8.	ETO permanent faculty are not available in college premises during the inspection and have proceeded for vacation	Complied with as per documentary submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
9.	Original Land documents are kept in the Bank Locker as informed by Chairman, However the scanned copies of the land documents provided	The copies of the land document perused and found in order as per submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023. Original land documents may be cited by DGS if required.

10.	Dining Room/Galley Shed is damaged at a few places	Reviewed photos found in order. Complied with as per submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023.
11.	Unsafe Electrical wiring observed at various places in campus, Ship in Campus, Hostels, Galley, Dining Area and RO Plant which may result in hazard to candidates and staff	Complied as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
12.	Housekeeping of Galley and dining area need to be improved	Complied as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
13.	Housekeeping Practical room was found with old furniture	Complied as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
14.	First Aid Box in Restaurant Practical training area was found with inadequate medicines	First Aid box refilled and complied as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
15.	List of Appliance and their ROB for CCMC not provided	Complied with, as per records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
16.	Ambulance not available in campus however they stated that they will use the bus for transport of patients from the College/Hostel	Ambulance not provided as intake is low, as stated by MTI. The college bus is presently used as an ambulance as stated by MTI. Tie-up with hospital in vicinity also submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
17.	Window panes found broken in Restaurant Practical Training Area, Classrooms Ship in Campus and Hotel	Complied with, as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
18.	Gas cylinder fixed installation not available, the staff stated that they get the portable cylinder each time during the Practicals and connect it outside	Complied with, as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
19.	Tie-up with hospital is not available however the Chairman stated that the trust runs a Pharmacy college and 4 nurses are available for the institute.	Complied with as per submissions by MTI on 24/11/2023. In addition there is a sick room in the pharmacy college with attending nurses in the same campus.
20.	CCMC Students are not a part of Mess Committee however GP candidates are part of this committee.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
21.	Equipment for demonstration & training purposes are found to be in inadequate for CCMC course.	Complied with, as per ROB submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
22.	Safety railing safety wall in MTI main building was non-existent on the terrace and no locking door available to restrict access.	Complied with, as per documentary records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
23.	No linen provided in the Hostel and candidates are using their own linen.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
24.	Windows in many of the Hostel rooms found in dilapidated state.	Complied with, as per documentary records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
25.	Many electrical wires and switches in Hostel rooms and alleyways found to be hanging and not as per standard electrical practice.	Complied with, as per documentary records and statement submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
26.	Poor Lighting in the Hostel corridors	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
27.	Medical First Aid kit is not available in the Hostel premises.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.

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28.	Class Time table not posted outside GP rating classroom.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
29.	Washrooms in the first floor of hostel are in extremely poor condition, in unhygienic condition.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
30.	Uncovered drainage outlets near the washrooms are found fetid.	Complied with, as per documentary records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
31.	Ship equipment for demonstration & training purposes are found be in poor condition and the quantity of the equipment are not found in-line with DGS guidelines for GP rating course.	Complied with, as per documentary records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
32.	PC based steering simulator as required under DGS guidelines is not available in the campus.	Complied with, as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
33.	Safety railing is not of adequate height in the ship training building	Safety railing was a concern as the candidates are doing flag hoisting during parade as per the warden. Hence, MTI may be advised to exercise caution till such time that the mast is ready in the Parade ground. Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
34.	Shards of broken glass and window panes found in the ship training building.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
35.	Fire hoses in the bridge are found to be in poor condition.	Complied with, as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
36.	No proper drinking water facility is found in the hostel premises.	Complied as per MTI's documentary submission on 24/11/2023.
37.	Container fittings including Lashings equipment's (4.23 of the DG GP rating DGS circular 01 of 2018) are not available at this time, to procure on urgent basis.	Complied with, as per register records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
38.	Quantity of the equipment for the ETO course required as per Training Circular 01 of 2011 is not adequate.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
39.	A total of 51 candidates were admitted in two batches for GP Rating course in 2022. However, the approval accorded by the DGS for the said course is 40 candidates with a frequency of only one batch per year.	MTI hasn't given any clarification / explanation for conduct of unauthorized GP Rating batches in the year 2021, 2022 and 2023.
40.	Load Matrix has not been provided after repeated requests.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
41.	Capt. Vikas Kumar Singh, Principal is found to have not completed AECS.	It is observed from the MTI submissions dated 29/07/2024 that Capt. Ramesh Babu Ramakrishnan is now the Principal of the MTI and the MTI has booked the seat in Pondicherry Maritime Academy for AECS starting from 27/05/2024. However, it is observed from DGS e-governance records Capt. Ramesh Babu Ramakrishnan hasn't undergone the course.
42.	TAR Book for GP Rating and CCMC candidates have not been provided.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
43.	Television in the recreation facility is not functioning.	Complied with, as per documentary records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.

44.	Lesson plan to be verified for each session of the teaching are not available.	Complied with, as per Lesson plan submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
45.	Charts and tables required for training are not available.	Complied with, as per photos and records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023.
46.	Pass percentage of the GP Rating batches, CCMC and respective performance analysis were not provided.	Complied with, as per records submitted by the MTI on 24/11/2023 for the past performance of candidates.
47.	Mast in the parade ground is found to have fallen to ground.	Complied with, as per records and photos submitted by the MTI on 29/07/2024.
48.	Records of Fees Collected in-line with the batch candidates has not been provided.	Complied as per the records provided by the MTI on 24/11/2023. DGS Training branch may recheck if necessary.

From the above, it is evident that SNCET (MTI) has not provided substantive compliance with the deficiencies identified during inspections. The MTI has attempted to misrepresent the status of its compliance efforts through selective and misleading use of internal recommendations. Despite multiple opportunities and clear directives from the DGS, the MTI has failed to demonstrate compliance with the DGS Orders and to provide necessary documentation to substantiate their claims. It is noted that the deficiencies identified and remaining rectified fall within the ambit of major deficiencies.

Having found that, the persistent non-compliance obstructing DGS efforts to establish a Quality Standards System to ensure compliance with mandatory rules and regulations, as mandated by the STCW Convention through DGS orders and Circulars and fulfil its international obligations, potentially affecting the employment prospects of the students and Indian seafarers on both domestic and foreign vessels. It is important to note that, Hon'ble Madras High court through its various precedent such as in *WP No. 1639 & 1651 of 2019* judgement dated 09.09.2019 has re-affirmed the absolute authority of the DGS in all matters concerning maritime training.

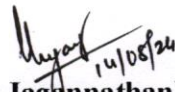
27. It is pertinent to note that the Hon'ble High Court of Madras with regards to the conduct of unauthorize G.P. Rating batches in *WP 6988 of 2020* as dated 06.08.2020 have observed that, the DGS cannot be directly held responsible for the issues arising from the unapproved GP Rating course and in the wrongdoing regarding the collection of fees or the lack of course approval on the part of MTI. The court emphasized that fulfilling conditions, such as constructing a swimming pool, does not equate to automatic approval; formal inspection and written approval are required. It was highlighted that certificates issued under Section 78 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, must be for courses conducted with proper approval. This is crucial to ensure the maintenance of quality in maritime education, as these certificates have significant international implications under the STCW Convention

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1978. The students who undergo this training become seafarers, employed not only on Indian ships but also on foreign vessels, making it imperative that these certificates be issued with utmost responsibility. The statutory backing under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and the rules framed thereunder reaffirm the importance of compliance.

Therefore, in light of the prevailing circumstances and after a thorough examination of the representations submitted by SNCET and its Chairman, and in alignment with the deliberations of the STCW Compliance Board held between 25.04.2024 to 08.08.2024, as well as the Hon'ble Madras High court orders 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, the Directorate General of Shipping hereby orders that:

- (i) The application No. 100592 of 2023 submitted by the MTI for enhanced intake in the G.P. Rating batch is hereby rejected.
- (ii) The second G.P. Rating batch from July to December being conducted at Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology (MTI) considered to be unauthorized and hereby directed to immediately withdraw the batch and refund fees to the candidates.
- (ii) Approval for the second batch of the G.P. Rating Course will only be considered afresh upon proof of strict compliance with the DGS orders and circulars, that has to be substantiated by submission of documents and then by compliance verification inspection. Approval shall be subject to mandatory CIP inspection and the satisfactory verification of the submitted compliances.


(Shyam Jagannathan)
Director General of Shipping

To,
Shri PMN Mohan Krishnaa, Chairman,
Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology,
Sri Nandhanam Maritime Academy, Nandhanam Nagar, Molagarampatti,
Tirupattur Taluk, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu – 635 602.

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3. E-Governance Branch to display on DGS website.