Recognition of subject "Communication Skill" equivalent to English (Included in TEAP A, Table III/1-3)

Training Circular No.14 of 2006

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The question of eligibility criteria for admissions to various pre-sea courses has already been dealt with under the orders of the Directorate issued in <u>DGS Circular No. 7 of 2005 dated 17.06.2005</u>, as per which candidates, who wish to take admissions to the pre sea courses for officers, need to score a minimum of 50% marks in English language as a subject in 10th or in the 12th standard examination, conducted by various boards.

A question has been raised recently in the wake of <u>DGS Training Circular No. 18 of 2003</u> whether the relaxation allowed in respect of those candidates who have secured 50% or more marks in the Communication Skill I and II subjects included in the Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education could be extended to graduate engineers seeking admission under similar grounds.

n the light of the aforesaid, it is hereby clarified that passing of the subject "Communication Skills" being taught to the students undergoing Degree or Diploma courses in Engineering subjects, conducted by various recognized institutions / universities or technical Boards, would be acceptable as equivalent to the required proficiency in English language where if the medium of instruction for the course is English. The eligibility criteria prescribing a score of minimum 50% marks in English or such special subjects like Communication Skills for the candidates shall remain unchanged. These subjects will be treated equivalent provided the subjects taught to the students are meant to improve their writing and oratory skills in English language in addition to the technical knowledge. A certificate from the respective university/board would be required to be submitted by the institute to that effect.

Institutes / work shops may kindly take note of the aforesaid, while giving admissions to the course of Engineering stream, as stipulated by the Directorate vide <u>DGS Circular No. 7 of 2005</u>.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Addl Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Yours faithfully,

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