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There is a provision for training of Marine Engineering Apprentices as OICEW Watch keepers on vessels below 1500 kw in the Meta Manual. There are a number of candidates from ATS institutions and Graduate Engineering students from approved workshops, who have undergone training in the institutions, but are unable to get sea time as OICEW watch keepers for want of adequate vessels. We have on the Indian Coast, a number of vessels, which are plying and are registered under the Merchant Shipping Act. Most of these vessels are sea going vessels, but may not be equipped with such items as exhaust / auxiliary boiler, water purifier, sewage plants, etc. However, this should not deter the student from getting adequate experience on board vessels for want of specialized equipment. There has been a rethinking from the department that adequate measures can be built into the preparatory courses for the examinations as well as introduce simulation courses to augment such specialized areas which have not been covered during sea time. These specialized areas can be easily reflected in the TAR Book which can be utilized later on for training / assessment during the preparatory course period. It is, thus, brought to the notice of all MMDs that in addition to the instructions contained in Instruction to Examiner No. 25 and 37 for endorsement of TAR books, such TAR books as is required to be issued to candidates serving on coastal vessels and vessels serving in the Andaman and Nicobar Administration area, henceforth be endorsed by the respective MMDs of Mumbai / Kolkata / Chennai to stand good as was being done for sea going foreign vessels in accordance with Instructions to Examiner No.45

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