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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: 21.05.2024

ORDER

1. Whereas, Sri Nandhanam College of Engineering and Technology (SNCET) (MTI No.414046) located at Sri Nandhanam Maritime Academy, Nandhanam Nagar, Molagarampatti, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu-635602 is Maritime Training Institute (hereinafter referred as 'MTI') approved by Directorate General of Shipping (hereinafter referred as 'DGS')- for conducting the DGS approved Maritime Courses. The SNCET is run by Sri Nandhanam Education and Social Welfare Trust, represented by its Chairman Shri PMN Mohan Krishnaa.

2. Whereas, DGS issued approval letter vide F. No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP Ratings/03 dated 01.01.2018 to SNCET for Training for General Purpose Ratings (GP Rating), 40 candidates in a batch with 1 (one) batch in a year. The approval was given with a condition that the GP Rating batch will be valid till 30.06.2018; further approval will be considered only after the institute constructs the swimming pool and seeks approval for the five STCW basic modular courses from the approved campus. The SNCET vide letter dated 04.04.2018 requested for extension of the approval of GP rating course. The DGS issued a letter vide F. No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP-II/247 dated 16.05.2018 that the request for extension of GP approval can only be entertained after compliance of condition mentioned on approval letter dated 01.01.2018.

3. Whereas, a consolidated Approval No.: TR/A/03/2019 vide File No. 3-TR(2)/2006-GP Rating-532 dated 15.01.2019 was issued to SNCET covering the 2 courses including "Pre-Sea Training GP Rating Course" for 40 candidates in a batch with 01 batch only in a year. Special instruction was given in the consolidated Approval letter to SNCET mentioning as "With regard to Pre-Sea GP Rating course this approval is valid for one batch only (till 30.06.2019). Further approval will be considered only after the institute constructs the swimming pool within 06 months, seeks approval for the five STCW basic modular courses for the approved campus within 06 months and submit MOU for the placement of candidates for onboard training".

4. Whereas, the online applications submitted by SNCET was rejected by the DGS on several occasions on account of non-compliance of infrastructure requirements. The details of online applications filed by SNCET for getting approval and rejection thereof as mentioned as below

Table No. 1 The details of the Online application by SNCET and status thereof

Sr. No.	On-line application no.	Date of application	Course applied for	Remarks
1.	100055	22.12.2018	Electro Technical Officer	

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2.	100053	22.12.2018	Pre Sea 1 year Training for Graduate Engineers	Rejected on the ground of Infrastructure requirements
3.	100204	22.12.2018	Certificate Course in Maritime Catering	
4.	100054	22.12.2018	Pre Sea 3 years Nautical Science	
5.	100191	10.01.2019	Basic Safety Training	
6.	100005	03.02.2019	STSDSD Course	
7.	100592	15.06.2023	Training For GP Ratings	Under Examination

However, later the SNCET requested to reconsider the application for approval and submitted the undertaking letter that they will be constructing swimming pool as per DGS Guidelines as soon as permitted by State Govt. The DGS issued conditional approval letter to MTI on 26.03.2020.

5. Whereas, while giving the conditional approval, Shri Amitabh Kumar, Ex-Director General of Shipping has mentioned that;

“It is very clear that before 2018, the view of the Directorate was to allow institutes to have swimming facility based on suitable tie-ups. Since 2018, we have been insisting on swimming pools within the campus to ensure proper monitoring of the courses.

It is also understood that the existing institutes can't construct their pool overnight, as several approvals etc. are required from State Government authorities. The case of Tamil Nadu is more problematic, because the state government its own regulation has banned swimming pool as per our specification given in TC 07 of 2018. On the request of the institutes, we have been granting them extension, if some intent of construction of swimming pool is shown. Therefore, with existing institutes we have been consistently followed the policy of 'nudge'

I have seen no reason in this case also, as to why we should simply shut down the institute or its courses just because of the non-availability of swimming pool, when continuously the institute has been informing about their intention to construct [In audacious behaviour of the owner not withstanding].

I, therefore, own inclined to give some more time to the institute for construction of the swimming pool, both for its existing courses and for the new courses applied. Till then, the existing tie-up facility for swimming can continue.

Based on the extension of relaxation, the new courses applied by the institute is approved for a period of one year. During the period of one year, MMD, Chennai will inspect this institute on 2 occasions, 1st in 6 months and 2nd in 11 months from the date session starts, MTI will invite the MMD Surveyor for inspection on its own. If on completion of 1 year, the institute is not fully compliant with DGS Training Circular 07 of 2018, the approval granted should be withdrawn.

As regards, the unfair and malicious letter written by the institute/whatsapp message etc, a fair warning should be issued asking the MTI to remain within the strict discipline expected from a maritime trainer. If the institute or his owner is seen engaging in spreading malicious rumors about the office of Director General or any of its officers, then strict disciplinary action will be taken against the institute or its owners”

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