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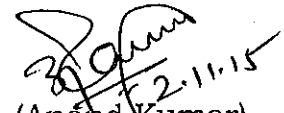
### **Meeting Notice to Institutes conducting DNS Program**

The non-availability of on board ship training slots for DNS cadets is a matter of grave concern and has been constantly discussed in all foras. Most of the Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) approved and conducting DNS leading to B.SC course have failed miserably in providing the structured shipboard training programme of 18 months duration (SSTP) to their DNS cadets. It has been observed through various data available in the Directorate that the availability of on-board ship training slots is reducing every year and consequently, the DNS course has lost its appeal and no more in demand. This fact is also evident from the data of admitted annual intake for the course which shows a steep decline in admissions from **2904** (2010) to **1509** (2014), in the past five years.

2. The Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, has received many grievances from DNS cadets who have not been able to complete the SSTP and obtain the promised B.Sc. degree within reasonable time. The Ministry has also expressed its concern regarding non-completion of training due to non-availability of training slots for majority of the DNS cadets, which has had a devastating effect over the socio economic condition of the DNS cadets. To address this problem, the Ministry of Shipping has directed the Directorate General of Shipping to review the DNS programme as early as possible.

3. In view of this, the Chief Examiner of Mates and Master has after considering the minimum requirements under the Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping Code, proposed to abolish the Diploma in Nautical Science leading to B.Sc.programme, from August, 2016, and continue the 3 year B.Sc. degree program for Nautical cadets.

4. In that direction, a meeting of stakeholders will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015** at DGS Headquarters at **1500** hours. All MTIs approved and conducting the DNS course are requested to attend the same. The MTIs are to bring along with them the data in respect of approved intake, admitted intake, candidates placed for SSTP, and candidates completed SSTP in the last five years. The representatives of employers' association- FOSMA, MASSA, INSA and ICCSA, and IMU are also requested to attend the meeting. This meeting will be chaired by the Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India.

  
(Anand Kumar)

Asstt. Director General of Shipping

To,

1. All MTIS conducting DNS Programme, as per list attached as Annexure I
2. Vice Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Chennai
3. Campus Directors of IMU conducting DNS Program
4. INSA
5. FOSMA
6. MASSA
7. ICCSA
8. CMMI
9. Shri K.Touthang, Director, Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi 110 001.
10. Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai/Kandla/Kochi.

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- PS to DG(S)
- PS to Jt.DG(S)
- PS to NA
- PS to CS.

Annexure I

## I- List of Institutes currently conducting DNS Program

Sr. No	Name of the institute	Place	Affiliation
1	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Govt. Polytechnic	Port Blair	IMU
2	Haldia Institute of Marine Studies and Research	Haldia	IMU
3	Indian Maritime University – Kolkata Campus	Kolkata	
4	Applied Research International	New Delhi	IMU
5	International Maritime Institute	Noida	IMU
6	Sriram Institute of Maritime Studies	New Delhi	IMU
7	Indian Maritime University – Chennai Campus (NMA)	Chennai	
8	International Maritime Academy	Chennai	KSOU
9	Maritime Foundation	Chennai	IMU
10	Maritime Training Institute (SCI)	Tuticorin	IMU
11	Sailors Maritime Academy	Visakhapatnam	IMU
12	Southern Academy of Maritime Studies	Chennai	IMU
13	Indian Maritime University – Cochin Campus	Cochin	
14	Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy	Karjat	IMU
15	Great Eastern Shipping Co. Training Institute	Lonavala	IMU
16	Indian Maritime University – Mumbai Campus-T.S. Chanakya	Mumbai	
17	Maritime Training Institute (SCI)	Mumbai	IMU
18	MMTI's Educational & Research Trust	Navi Mumbai	IMU
19	Samundra Institute of Maritime Studies	Lonavala	IMU
20	Tolani Maritime Institute	Pune	IMU
21	Training Ship Rahaman	Navi Mumbai	IMU
22	Vishwakarma Maritime Institute	Pune	IMU
23	Yak Education Trust	Navi Mumbai	IMU
24	Sai Ram Shipping Science Institute	Chennai	IMU