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Subject: (A) Changes in the Question Pattern of MEO Class IV written examination.	
(B) Mandatory E-learning course.	

1. This circular has been issued in supersession of EAC Branch (Engineering) Circular No. 28 of 2021 dated 20.12.2021.
2. Noting that India, being a prominent maritime and major manpower supplying nation, is continuously striving to strengthen its share in providing manpower to the world shipping.
3. Noting also that the competence of seafarer is the most critical factor in the safe and efficient operation of ships, and has a direct impact on the safety of life at sea as well as the protection of marine environment.
4. Realizing that the implementation of the requirements of Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping (STCW) Convention, alone, is not sufficient but also need to ensure timely re-alignment / updating in its examination processes to churn out the best of competent seafarers to man ships.
5. Whereas the MEO Class IV written examination has been migrated from pen and paper mode with descriptive type questions to computer based mode with multiple choice question (MCQ) in 2012 and continued till March 2020. However, during COVID -19 pandemic the MEO Class IV written examination could not be conducted from April 2020. And got resumed from October 2020 at MMD examination centres in manual mode (using pen and paper with MCQ), as the service provider for conducting the online exam was not available.
6. Whereas the present examination question pattern for MEO Class IV has a constraint of only allowing the questions to be multiple choice types limiting the ability to assess a candidate's situational awareness, demonstration of work procedure and ability to formulate arguments supported with reasoning and evidence among other aspects.

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