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DGS ORDER NO. 08 OF 2011

Subject: Introduction of a Common Entrance Test (CET) for an admission for the General Purpose (GP) Rating [Pre Sea Training] course & 50% Reservation therein for ITI candidates - reg.

A study of the manpower supply projections in the Indian Maritime Sector, shows that Indian GP Ratings are generally not of an adequate standard/quality and do not bear an appropriate attitude, as compared to their counterparts in other seafaring labour supplying nations like Philippines, China, Ukraine, etc. and hence, the former are not easily acceptable in the international maritime market.

2. There is, therefore, a need to revamp the existing system of GP Rating training, in order to achieve better training standards and quality output of Indian GP Ratings that would meet the requirements at an international level, resulting in an increased prospect of employment for them in the global merchant shipping market.

3. To fulfill the above objective, the Directorate General of Shipping has carried out extensive discussions with the representatives of the maritime training institutes conducting GP Rating courses, leading seafarers unions and representatives of the maritime industry on two proposed amendments to the existing GP Rating training system, i.e. an introduction of a Common Entrance Test (CET) for an admission in to the Pre-sea Training for General Purpose Ratings program and reservation of 50% seats in such a course to candidates equipped with Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Trade Certificates.
4. Taking into careful consideration, the feedback received from these stakeholders, the Director General of Shipping & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India hereby approves the introduction of a Common Entrance Test (CET) for the January, 2012 batch onwards, for an admission into the Pre-sea Training for General Purpose Rating Course and also reservation of 50% seats in the GP Rating Course to candidates who have completed and acquired Trade Certificates of a two years full-time duration in engineering trades, as specified by the Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGET), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India from ITI & approved by The National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT), or State Technical Education Boards. This is expected to improve the quality of such ratings with multi-tasking skills.

5. All the GP Rating training institutes shall extend wide publicity to the said 50% reservation for ITI candidates in such admissions and shall encourage ITI candidates to join the said course. However, for the January, 2012 batch of the GP Rating program, the said institutes are permitted to admit candidates from the non-ITI merit list, in case the earmarked 50% seats are not filled up by ITI candidates. Further guidelines in this regard will be issued on a felt-need basis after reviewing the admission status of ITI candidates in regard to the January, 2012 batch of GP Rating Course.

6. The Director General of Shipping has authorized the Board of Examination of Seafarers Trust (BEST) to conduct the said CET on behalf of the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India. The modalities of the said CET are given below:

6.1 The pattern of the CET will, to begin with, include a written test, followed by a physical endurance test and subsequently by a psychometric test also from the July 2012 batch.

6.2 The CET written exam will consist of English, Maths & Science subject papers of 50 marks each and a candidate is thereof required to obtain a minimum 40% marks in each such subject paper.

6.3 A physical endurance test will be arranged immediately after the written exam. The pattern of the said test will include 400 meters running, seat ups & push-ups, lifting of weights etc. The detailed

standards of this test will be declared separately. The candidates will be merely assessed as PASS OR FAIL, in this test.

6.4 The centers for the conduct of the CET will be declared separately in an advertisement to be issued by the DGS/BEST for the first such CET.

6.5 The first said CET for the January, 2012 batch will be conducted in mid September, 2011 and the result thereof will be declared in mid October, 2011.

6.6 There will be no counseling procedure following the said CET. The said candidates will give their 10 preferences of the institutes and an allotment of institute to them will be done by the BEST as per the candidate's merit order and his preferences. The institute allotment letter will then be issued to the successful candidate by the BEST. The result, with the candidate's rank and his allotted institute, will be declared by the BEST & displayed in its website. Concurrently, this will also be displayed in the DGS website.

6.7 A separate merit list for ITI candidates will be published by the BEST. In case, the ITI quota seats are not filled up, qualified candidates can be taken from the non-ITI merit list thereof.

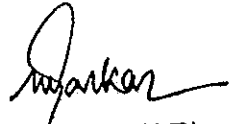
6.8 In case any candidate is left out without an institute allotment as per his preference and in case a seat is also lying vacant in some institute(s), a second such allotment list will be displayed as per

availability of seats. A wait list thereof may also be published, if required.

6.9 The CET will be conducted separately for each batch and there will be no carry forward of marks or merit order from one CET to the next CET.

7. These orders shall come into force from the January, 2012 batch of GP Rating Course onwards, and all the maritime training institutes conducting such rating courses are advised to strictly comply therewith and not to make any commitment for direct admissions to GP Rating courses from the January, 2012 batch onwards, suo-moto/ unilaterally, on their own. No admission thereto will be permitted other than through the said CET route.

8. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to Government of India.



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