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Training Circular No.06 of 2011

Subject:- Restricting further increase in the intake for the DNS course -reg.

A recent review of the authorized intake for the one year pre-sea Diploma in Nautical Science Course (DNS), leading to the 3 years B. Sc (Nautical Science) Degree, undertaken in the Directorate General of Shipping has revealed that the intake capacity created for the DNS Course significantly exceeds availability of the structured shipboard Training slots. The structured shipboard Training is essential for appearing in the 2nd Mate examination and the consequential employment of the trainees as 2nd Mates. A situation has therefore arisen where the candidates who have completed 1 year Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS) are staring at the prospect of unemployment over prolonged periods for want of the Structured Shipboard Training. This is particularly so for a substantial number of candidates who have completed the course in 2010 and reportedly so even for candidates from prior batches.

Above situation persists not withstanding the fact that the training 2. Institutes have the responsibility for a tie-up with the Industry to ensure placement of their students for SST of 18 months duration in terms of Training Circular No.20 of 2004 dated 28.04.04, M S Notice No.21 of 2009 dated 29.05.09, DGS Order No.2 of 2007 dated 31.10.07 & DG Shipping Circular No.01 of 2008 dated 24.03.08.

- 3. There is an urgent need therefore to shift attention on ensuring that the DNS Candidates complete their structured shipboard training and proceed to acquire their Certificate of Competency (CoC) for 2nd Mate. It is pertinent to note that there is hardly any unemployment yet for the Indian Deck Officers who have obtained the CoC for 2nd Mate level. While the Directorate is taking steps to increase the availability of training slots, the Training Institutes cannot be absolved of their responsibility of ensuring placement of their students for structured shipboard training.
- 4. In the light of the foregoing, it is decided to freeze the approved intake for the DNS course to the present sanctioned strength until the backlog for Structured Shipboard Training (SST) is reduced to a marginal level. A ban on new approvals/enhancement of an intake for the DNS Course is as such imposed, with an immediate effect. Therefore, until further orders, it is hereby intimated to all concerned that no new applications for new institutes/courses /additional intake of students for DNS Course shall be entertained by the Directorate General.
- 5. In the meantime, applications already received and processed in this office will be dealt on the merits of each such case, on the basis of their past track records and firm & formal commitment for full placements for the structured Shipboard Training. The applications once rejected will not be entertained till such time the above ban is in force.
- 6. This ban shall be subject to a calibrated revaluation of the gap between the DNS intake and the availability of training slots.
- 7. This order issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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Dy. Director General of Shipping (Training)