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1. The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has introduced a Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission for the General Purpose (GP) Rating pre-sea training course vide this office DGS Order No. 08 of 2011 [F. No TR/CIR/6(2)/2011 dated 30.06. 2011], 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.
2. The DGS has authorised the Board of Examination Seafarer Trust(BEST) to conduct the said CET on behalf of the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India, with effect from the January,2012, batch .
3. Instances have come to the notice of this Directorate that certain maritime training institutes are seeking to deviate unilaterally from the said guidelines of the DGS, by admitting, into their GP Rating courses, candidates who have not qualified in the said CET examination.
4. It may be noted that the DGS approved maritime training institutes can-not arrogate into themselves the authority of selecting candidates who have not qualified in the said CET examination for admission to the G.P. Rating courses, as quality can-not be diluted at the cost of the purported viability of investments made by the said institutes.

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5. It may also be noted that the Hon'ble First Division Bench of the Madras High Court, consisting of Hon'ble Justice Mr. M. Yusuf Eqbal, Chief Justice and Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. S. Sivagnanam, vide its order dated 20.02. 12 in the MP Nos. 1 to 1 of 2012 in the WA Nos. 297 - 301 of 2012, has stayed the operation of the earlier impugned judgment order dated 30.01.2012, passed by the Hon'ble Madras High Court in the other WP No. 30461 of 2011, WP Nos. 90- 92 of 2012 and WP No. 30358 of 2011, which had allowed liberty to the petitioner institutes to fill up the G.P. Ratings seats out of the candidates who have not passed the said CET examination.
6. In view of the above, the DGS approved maritime training institutes are not allowed to fill up the G.P. Rating courses seats by candidates who have not qualified in the said CET examination conducted by the BEST. The maritime training institutes which seek to mislead the students to the contrary may stand to loose their approval for the purpose from the DGS.
7. Aspiring sea-farers are also here-by informed that they should beware of misleading advertisements that may potentially be put out by maritime training institutes to the contrary & they should join the G.P. Rating course only after qualifying in the said CET examinations conducted by the BEST in the DGS approved maritime training institutes, failing which they would not be eligible for the grant of the Continuous Discharge Certificate – Cum – Seafarers Identify Document, (CDC-SID).

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8. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, in accordance with the powers conferred under Rule 47 of the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules, 1998.

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