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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



F. No. 23-MISC/3/2021-CREW-DGS (C. No. 6687)

Date: 06.03. 2024

DGS Order No. 05 of 2024

**Subject: Relaxation of Educational Qualification for admission to Pre-Sea Courses of General Purpose Ratings and certificate course in Maritime catering and for issuance of CDC for the natives of Minicoy island of Union Territory of Lakshadweep belonging to Schedule Tribe – reg.**

Whereas, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) had initially received a formal request from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep (UTL), wherein they had sought a relaxation of the educational qualification criteria for individuals from Minicoy Island belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) Category. The request specifically targeted admission requirements for the 6 month GP Rating Course and the 6-month Certificate Course in Maritime Catering (CCMC). Additionally, the UTL requested the issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDC) to these individuals.

2. And whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Order no. 01 of 2017 dated 09.05.2017 (F. No. 16-TR(1)/2005-II) allowed a relaxation in the minimum educational qualification from "Xth Standard Passed" to "VIIIth Standard Passed." This alteration was aimed to facilitate the participation of natives from Minicoy Islands in UTL, who belonged to the Scheduled Tribes, in Pre-Sea Rating Courses. The relaxation also extended to the process of obtaining CDCs. This relaxation was granted for a specified period of three years and was remained valid until 8th May 2020.

3. And whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Order No. 11 of 2021, dated 09.03.2021 (F. No. 23-MISC/3/2021-CREW - DGS) (C. No. 6687), further affirmed and extended the relaxation in educational qualifications for individuals from Minicoy Islands in UTL belonging to Scheduled Tribes for a period of three years i.e. upto 08th May 2023.

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4. The Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai considering the matter, in exercise of powers conferred by Clause (1) Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping, 1958 (as amended), on the Central Government and further delegated to the Director General of Shipping vide Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, Notification No. SO No. 3144 dated 14.12.1960, is pleased to Order that the relaxation granted vide DGS Order No.01 of 2017 and DGS Order No. 11 of 2021 shall remain in force for a further period of three years i.e. up to 8th May, 2026.

5. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, Mumbai.



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