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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No.20-11011/33/2021-TRG-DGS (Comp. No. 8093)

Dated: 09.02.2024

ORDER

1. Whereas, Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM) (MTI No. 402008) located at Sengadu Post, Ulundai Village, Sriperumbadur Taluk, Sriperumbadur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu-602002 is Directorate General of Shipping (hereinafter referred as DGS) approved Maritime Training Institute (hereinafter referred as 'MTI') for conducting the DGS approved Maritime Courses. The CTM is run by Cosmopolitan Educational and Social Development Trust, represented by its Director Dr. N. Vijayakumar.
2. Whereas, M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM), Chennai is approved to conduct Basic Safety Training (BST) course with intake capacity of 20 students per batch and 24 batches per year.
3. Whereas, the CTM had uploaded batch details of 1860 candidates in the year 2022 against the approved capacity of only 480 candidates in a year. As per DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2018 dated 21.03.2018 MTI is allowed to have 24 batches as per class room per year, whereas the CTM had uploaded 96 candidates in a single batch for Basic Safety Training course.
4. Whereas, the Show Cause Notice was issued to CTM vide DGS letter dated 06.10.2022 and 15 days had been provided for reply i.e. by 21.10.2022. The CTM replied to SCN on 06.10.2022 stating that they have individual approval of 24 candidates for each course [Personal Survival Techniques Course (PST), Fire Prevention and Fighting Course (FPFF), Elementary First Aid Course (EFA) & Personal Safety and Social responsibility Course (PSSR)] $24 \times 4 = 96$ candidates (Basic Safety Training) per batch.
5. Whereas, the Directorate has issued Training Circular No. 06 of 2018 where four courses PST, FPFF, EFA and PSSR has been combined into one. The same has been reflected in Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime profile i.e. they have approval for 24 batches of Basic Safety Training course in a year.
6. Whereas, the CTM was advised to apply afresh for additional batch of the Basic Safety Training course. Accordingly, M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM), Chennai vide online application no. 100516 had applied for approval of additional

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batches for Basic Safety Training course. The CTM was informed by MMD, Chennai to comply with the deficiencies noted on the submitted course specific checklist, faculty details, faculty attendance records of CAS for the past three months and other relevant documents. The Maritime Training Institute (MTI) was further directed to complete the Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) Inspection to verify the functioning and courses including verification of video recording of practical's and QMS certification prior to MMD Inspection for additional batch of BST course approval.

7. Whereas, further, it was placed on record that the last CIP of the MTI was carried out on 19.04.2018 and the annual inspection of the institute by the inspecting agency was due on 17.04.2019. However, since April 2018 till date, MTI had not undergone any CIP in pursuance of DGS Training Circular No. 33 of 2018, Training Circular 10 of 2018, DGS Order 4 of 2016.

8. MMD, Chennai carried out an inspection of MTI on 28.12.2022 and major deficiencies were noted, which are as follows:

- i) QMS and CIP certificates found to be expired which is a major non-compliance as per the Directorate Guidelines. (Non Compliance to DGS Circular No. 23 of 2020 dated 08.06.2020, DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 1.11.1 & 1.11.2 and DGS Order No. 04 of 2016 dated 12.09.2016)
- ii) Classroom utilization chart does not have details of the available classes and corresponding courses proposed to be conducted. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 2.10)
- iii) The institute has not yet installed the FPFF mock-up which is mandatory requirement for fire-fighting course. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 2.15)
- iv) CAS system not yet installed. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 14 of 2020 dated 13.04.2020, Para 5)
- v) The institute does not have any video recording of practical training conducted so far is again a major non-compliance. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 4.5)
- vi) Uploaded Time Table is not found to be as per IMO Model Courses. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 4.8.2)
- vii) Combined faculty load matrix not showing the details of the courses with total teaching hours against each faculty and instructors. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 3.5)
- viii) Syllabus, Course Handout, Course Outline and Learning Objectives not as per the guidelines. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 26 of 2020 dated 01.07.2020)

9. Whereas, the CTM was informed about the major/minor deficiencies noted during the inspection and MTI was directed to comply with the deficiencies within 15 days.



Accordingly, the MTI submitted its reply on 28.01.2023. The reply of the MTI was examined by the MMD, Chennai and it was noted that the MTI has not complied with deficiencies raised by the inspection team some of which are major in nature as mentioned below;

- i) MTI has not carried out CIP inspection even after one month of inspection and not renewed ISO certification. (Non Compliance to DGS Order No. 04 of 2016 dated 12.09.2016, DGS Circular No. 23 of 2020 dated 08.06.2020 and DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 1.11.1 & 1.11.2)
- ii) FPFF mock-up not installed. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 2.15)
- iii) CAS system not installed yet. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 14 of 2020 dated 13.04.2020, Para 5)
- iv) The institute does not have any video recording of practical training conducted so far. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 4.5)
- v) Attendance of the faculty could not be verified. (Non Compliance to DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018 dated 25.10.2018, Para 4.7)

10. Whereas, the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai had intimated that despite adequate opportunities provided to the MTI for compliance of the deficiencies (both major and minor pointed out during the inspection dated 28/12/2022), has not complied till date. PO, MMD, Chennai recommended for rejection of on-line application no. 100516 w.r.t. BST course. Accordingly, the said on-line application was rejected by the Competent Authority on the recommendation received from PO, MMD, Chennai. Further, Show Cause Notice was issued to CTM by DGS letter dated 19.04.2023 for not complying with the deficiencies despite ample opportunities provided.

11. Whereas, the CTM replied to SCN vide email dated 21.04.2023 and submitted details of compliance to deficiencies noted along with their ongoing communication with RINA (RO) for conduct of CIP. The reply submitted by MTI and compliance to deficiencies have been forwarded to MMD, Chennai for further examination and comments.

12. Whereas, the Directorate had received reference letter from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterway, GoI, New Delhi to consider the request of M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM), Chennai vide letter 23.05.2023. The detail reply to reference letter was forwarded to the Ministry of PSW, GoI, New Delhi vide DGS letter dated 30/31.05.2023.

13. Whereas, the DG(S) had provided an online personal hearing to the Director of M/s. Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime (CTM), Chennai on 05.06.2023. The Director had informed that MMD, Chennai did not allow RO's to conduct CIP at MTI. The Chief Surveyor had clarified that MTI have to select the RO/MMD for CIP and no permission of MMD is required as per DGS guidelines. The DG(S) had asked MTI to request concerned RO to expedite the process.

14. Whereas, a letter was issued to MTI vide DGS letter dated 05.07.2023 informing the same. However, the MTI had complaint that ROs are refusing to undertake the audit, despite requests by them. In this regard, the Chief Surveyor intimated that DGS may ask an explanation form the ROs concerned on the reasons for not entertaining to undertake functions that have been delegated to them by the DGS after mutual consultations.

15. Whereas, the Directorate vide dated 21.08.2023 had issued a letter to the specific ROs who had denied the inspection. The NKK informed that they did receive an enquiry from Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime in June 2023 and the NKK replied that they may not be able to confirm CIP dates for next month (July 2023) as they were pre-occupied with various survey/audit/office internal audit commitments. The NKK also requested MTI to contact them, in case MTI required CIP inspection later, however the NKK did not receive any further communication from MTI.

16. Whereas, later on, a letter was also issued on 21.09.2023 to Principal Officer, MMD, Kolkata asking for conducting the CIP of Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime on the urgent basis. The MMD, Kolkata vide letter dated 29.09.2023 had informed that the institute (Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime) is situated in the jurisdiction of MMD, Chennai and Shri Killi Mohana Rao, PO, MMD, Kolkata is transferred to MMD, Chennai. Therefore, the MMD, Kolkata had requested to confirm whether the said institute CIP inspection to be carried out by the surveyors of MMD, Kolkata or the letter to be forwarded to MMD, Chennai.

17. Whereas, the CTM had made representation vide letter dated 20.09.2023 regarding request for open the portal immediately for admitting the remaining 1808 students for the Basic Safety Training courses as per the approval granted vide Approval Order dated 14.12.2018.

18. Whereas, the CTM had filed Writ Petition no. 30593 of 2023 in the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras against Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai. Presently, the matter is sub-judice.

19. Whereas, the Directorate vide letter dated 03.11.2023, 13.11.2023 and 14.11.2023 had informed the CTM that the Principal Officer, MMD, Chennai will conduct preparatory CIP on the 17th November, 2023 and it shall be reviewed and finalized by the D.G. Shipping after preliminary inputs by MMD, Chennai on 23.11.2023. Further it was intimated that matter pertaining to admissibility and batch strength of the Basic Safety Training will be communicated subsequent to the final CIP on 23.11.2023. Whereas, the same was also placed on records to the Hon'ble forum in the reply affidavit by the Respondent in WP No 30593 of 2023.

20. Whereas, the final CIP of the MTI was conducted on 23.11.2023 by the Directorate General of Shipping along with PO MMD, Chennai. PO, MMD, Chennai vide letter dated 28.11.2023 forwarded copy of the inspection report to the MTI and informed



the MTI that inspecting team has observed several lapses during physical inspection. MTI was requested to submit compliance report within 30 days so that surveyor can be nominated for verification of compliance and to take further course of action.

21. Whereas, since compliance report not received from the MTI. MMD Chennai has requested to forward the same vide letter dated 29.12.2023.

22. Whereas, the MMD, Chennai vide letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/86-I/4028 dated 05.01.2024 has informed the Directorate General of Shipping on the status of compliance verification of the lapses noted during CIP inspection dated 23.11.2023 with specific recommendations as follows;

(1) The preparatory CIP was conducted on 17.11.2023 by surveyors of MMD, Chennai and subsequent finalizing of CIP on 23.11.2023 by DGS, Mumbai and PO, MMD, Chennai.

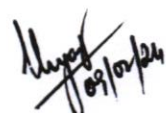
(2) Vide MMD, Chennai's letter No. MMDC/PO/SAC/46/Vol-III/3399 dated 28.11.2023, the CIP inspection report was issued to Cosmpolitan Technolgy of Maritime, advising the institute to submit compliance report for the observations/deficiencies raised during CIP on 23.11.2023, within in a time period of 30 days from the date of issue of the letter.

(3) However, no response was received from the institute and consequently, a reminder letter dated 29.12.2023 was sent to the institute on the same subject. Regrettably, the reminder also did not elicit a response from the institute.

(4) During the subject CIP, 22 number deficiencies were reported by the inspection team, out of which seven were major deficiencies (S. No. 10, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21 & 22) in meaning with DGS training circulars No. 31 of 2018 and DGS Order 04 of 2016.

The specific deficiencies as on the 23rd of November 2023 are as follows;

Sl. No.	Details of Deficiency recorded and intimated to MTI No: 402008	Non Compliance of DGS Circular No: (Specific Aspects)
1.	MTI is still using dormitory system for the residential candidates	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.2
2.	One table, One chair, One table lamp for each candidate and one full length mirror in the hostel room not provided	GS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.4.2
3.	Few WCs not fitted with toilet seats.	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.5.2
4.	All buildings in campus not fitted with fire detection and fire alarm system	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.5.1



5.	MTI does not have FPFF mock up facility, MTI tie up with other MTI (International Maritime Academy) does not provide specific allocation of the time for the MTI.	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.15
6.	Faculty load matrix and faculty details not uploaded on e-governance	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 3.5
7.	Faculty details not provided by the institute or uploaded in e governance.	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 3.5.2
8.	Toilets, bathrooms found very dirty and emitting foul smell.	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 3.1.14
9.	Laundry service not provided to the candidates.	DGS Training Circular No. 31 of 2018, para 2.17.6
10.	Principal(as faculty) not available during inspection, and found from e-governance webpage that the Principal is onboard the ship from 1)15 July 2021 to 17 Oct 2021. 1027 Nov 2020 to 04 April 2021. And signed certificate upon disembarkation from ship. Presently onboard ship from 18' November 2023 onwards	1. DGS Training Circular No, 31 of 2018, para 3.1.3 & 3.1.4 2. Training branch Advisory note dated 22.01.2018
11.	Quality Management System developed by the MTI does not confirm its policy and process as per STCW requirement detailed in annexure attached to DGS circular.	DGS Circular No. 23 of 2020. Training Circular No, 31 para 1.11.1, 1.11.2
12.	Equipment and Teaching aids as specified in Annexure for GP Rating not sufficient for 200 candidates. Institute have approval to conduct 9 batches of 40 candidates of GP Rating course per year	Training Circular No. 01 of 2018, para 4, Annexure 9
13.	Few computers do not have inbuilt camera as required for exit exams	DGS Circular No. 21 of 2022, para 5.
14.	Equipment required to conduct CCMC course not sufficient as per annexure 7.	Training Circular No. 7 of 2010, para 4, Annexure 7
15.	Placement for onboard training.	Training Circular No. 30 of 2018, para 1.12.5
16.	MTI has not implemented Centralised Attendance System as required.	Training Circular No 14 of 2020, para 5.
17.	MTI not carried out renewal CIP after its expiry on 17.04.2021	DGS Order No. 4 of 2016, para 9
18.	Course in charge not done AECS course	Training Circular No. 25 of 2018. Para 5

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19.	Depth of the swimming pool is not 12 feet as required.	Training Circular No. 07 of 2018. Para 2.
20.	Teaching aids and reference books for demonstration and reference for Elementary First Aid courses not available completely as required by mandatory guidelines	Training Circular No. 30 of 2004. Para 3 and attached Annexure 1.
21.	Teaching aids and reference books for demonstration and reference for PST courses not available completely as required by mandatory guidelines	Training Circular No. 31 of 2004 Para 3
22.	Teaching aids and reference books for demonstration and reference for PSSR courses not available completely as required by mandatory guidelines	DGS Circular No. 26 of 2020, Para 18,19,21 and 22

(5) The Director of the institute has also filed a W.P. 30593 of 2023 on 18.10.2023 in the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and is still in pending for further proceedings, due to inaction of the institute in submitting the compliance report and there by stalling the completion of CIP.

(6) Since the MTI has not submitted the compliance report for the noted deficiencies during CIP inspection dated 23.11.2023 till date and not responding to this office letters as referred above, the PO, MMD, Chennai has recommended the following proposal/recommendation;

a) The existing approved Basic Safety Training (BST), Crowd Management, Passenger Safety and Safety Training, Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF, Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST and Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (STSDSD) courses be temporarily blocked in the DGS e-governance system training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during CIP inspection.

b) The MTI may be advised to submit the compliance report for physical verification to MMD, Chennai with a definite timeline, failing which the approved pre-sea courses viz. Training for General Purpose Rating and Certificate Course in Maritime Catering may be blocked for new admissions in the DGS e-governance training module till the compliance of deficiencies noted during CIP inspection and the existing running pre-sea courses may be allowed to continue till its completion.

23. In view of the recommendation given by the PO, MMD, Chennai, the undersigned hereby after having duly perused and recorded the material on record, hereby addressing the specific request of Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime dated 20.09.2023 for open the portal for admitting the remaining students for the Basic Safety Training courses cannot be considered at this stage till specific compliance to the specific DGS Circulars are reported by the MTI NO: 402008 and duly verified and reported by the PO, MMD, Chennai as admissible even under the inspection of a Recognized organization as per DGS Order No. 04 of 2016 dated 12.09.2016 by way of a confirmation. The matter as on date is accordingly suitably addressed thereof.

24. Further, the CTM is provided due opportunity to be heard by the STCW Compliance Board with the details of the operative part of the order having been detailed as above and adequate time of 10 (ten) working days are allowed to them to submit any suitable representation thereof. In case of any representation or submission by the said Maritime Training Institute being Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, the same shall be deliberated upon and decided by the STCW Compliance Board and steps thereof taken accordingly. In case no representation or any material inputs being received from the management or any authorized representation of the Maritime Training Institute the operative part of this order thereof shall be rendered effective with written confirmation thereof recording fact of non-response from the said Maritime Institute. All concerned are to be suitably intimated and taken on record thereof accordingly.


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1. The Secretary to the Govt. of India, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, GoI, New Delhi.
2. Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Anchore Gate building, 2nd Floor, P.B.No. 5004, Rajaji Salai, Chennai-600 001- with a request to inform the Hon'ble High Court of Madras through Senior Central Govt. Counsel.
3. E-Governance Branch to display on DGS website.