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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

File No. 20-11011/17/2022-TRG - DGS (Comp No.16859) **Date: 27.11.2026**

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

To,
The Principal,
M/s. Mohamed Sathak Engineering College,
(MTI No. 414041), Sathak Nagar,
Kilakarai, Ramanathapuram District,
Tamil Nadu – 623806

Subject: M/s. Mohamed Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai (MTI No. 414041)- Continued non-compliance -Show Cause Notice -reg.

M/s. Mohamed Sathak Engineering College, Kilakarai (MTI No. 414041) has been accorded approval by this Directorate for conducting the B.E./B.Tech. Marine Engineering course of 30 students per batch, one batch per year by approval No. TR/A/50/2010, The approval is subject to the Institute's continued compliance with the DGS Training Manual Vol. I (Pre-Sea), DGS Order No. 03 of 2026 on the Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP), DGS Circular No. 23 of 2020, the Training Circulars issued by this Directorate from time to time, and the conditions of the approval order.

2. Whereas, a surprise inspection of the Institute was conducted by MMD Chennai on 05.02.2025, during which 15 deficiencies relating to fire safety, hostel facilities, classrooms, library, faculty, QMS/ISO certification, CIP and other matters were recorded. The Institute was afforded an opportunity to rectify the deficiencies and submitted its compliance report dated 21.02.2025, followed by subsequent compliance reports. However, as per records, it is observed that the deficiencies have not been satisfactorily rectified, and compliance with the prescribed requirements remains unestablished.

3. Whereas, the Institute failed to undertake the mandatory Comprehensive Inspection Programme (CIP) for the year 2025, despite the issuance of Show Cause Notices dated 29.06.2026 and 26.10.2026, and Reminder-I dated 04.09.2026. It is observed that M/s. Mohammad Sathak Engineering College has, till date, failed to comply with the requirements relating to the CIP for 2025 as mandated under the aforesaid DGS Orders and Training Circulars. Further, on 10.09.2026,

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complaints were received from the final-year Marine Engineering cadets regarding inadequate staffing and the overall functioning of the Institute.

4. Whereas, MMD Chennai carried out a surprise inspection on 02.11.2026. The inspection recorded 12 deficiencies, of which 5 are Major, and found that 8 of the 15 deficiencies of 05.02.2025 remain unrectified. The principal deficiencies are as under:

(a) Fire safety: Fire detection and alarm system and the prescribed safety arrangements are not provided in the hostel and administrative rooms, in violation of para 2.5.1 of the DGS Training Manual Vol. I. This was recorded on 05.02.2025 and remains unrectified.

(b) Hostel facilities: Hostel accommodation and facilities, including room utilities and hot water, are not as prescribed under paras 2.17.1 and 2.17.3 to 2.17.6 of DGS Training Manual Vol. I. This was recorded on 05.02.2025 and remains unrectified.

(c) Faculty: Faculty strength and qualifications for Marine Engineering Course do not meet the requirements of Section 3.2 and Section 6.4.1 of DGS Training Manual Vol. I and DGS Order No.3 of 2026 Paragraph 10.2.2. This was recorded on 05.02.2025, remains unrectified and corroborates the cadets' complaint dated 04.02.2026 and 10.09.2026.

(d) Quality Management System: No dedicated QMS is in place for the Marine Engineering course, and the ISO 9001:2015 certificate expired on 20.09.2025, in violation of Section 1.11 and Section 6.4.1 of the Training Manual Vol.I, and DGS Order No. 03 of 2026, Paragraph 1.1, read with Paragraphs 5.2.3 and 10.2.2. This was recorded on 05.02.2025 and remains unrectified.

(e) Swimming pool: No swimming pool is available within the campus, as required by DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2025 read with Training Circular No. 59 of 2025.

(f) CIP: The mandatory CIP has not been undertaken, in violation of para 6.2 of the DGS Training Manual Vol.I and para 5.5 of DGS Order No. 03 of 2026, despite two Show Cause Notices and a reminder.

(g) Other deficiencies: Teaching aids, library facilities, Mess and Dining Facility are deficient; course and instructor manuals are not in place; the Course In-charge is not available; the Institute is not functioning as a distinct institute as per the approval order; and the particulars on the website are inaccurate.

5. Whereas, it is specifically observed that the Principal of the Institute,does not hold a qualification as specified under para 3.1 (Sl. No. 1) of DGMA Order No. 30 of 2026, this is the minimum qualification for the Principal/Head of an MTI. The same qualification was required earlier under Para. 3.2.2 of the DGS Training Manual Vol-I. Deploying an unqualified Principal is a serious non-compliance under para 9.3(b) of DGMA Order No. 30 of 2026. Under para 9.4 of the said Order, it renders the Institute liable to withdrawal of course approval and to a direction to remove the Principal.

6. Whereas, it is observed that the deficiencies relating to fire safety, hostel facilities, faculty and the Quality Management System were first pointed out to the Institute on 05.02.2025. They

have remained unrectified for a period of about twenty-one months, notwithstanding the said inspection, two Show Cause Notices and a reminder. The Institute has also failed to undertake the mandatory CIP, and the complaint of its own cadets regarding inadequate staffing stands substantiated on inspection. The deficiencies thus are not isolated lapses. They reflect a continued and persistent failure on the part of the Institute to comply with the requirements of this Directorate, despite repeated opportunities, and they directly affect the safety and welfare of the candidates and the quality of the training imparted.

7. Whereas, the above deficiencies constitute Major Deficiencies under para 6.4.1 of the Training Manual, Volume I, and, in terms of para 6.5 thereof, may warrant withdrawal of the approval granted to the course. Further, under section 47(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, the Director-General is empowered to suspend or withdraw the approval granted to a maritime training institute for contravention of the provisions of Part IV of the Act. Non-compliance with the applicable statutory requirements and directions of the Directorate may also attract penalties under section 281(2) of the Act, to be imposed by the Principal Officer in accordance with section 282 of the Act.

8. Now, therefore, the Institute is called upon to show cause, within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this Notice, as to why, the approval granted for the B.E./B.Tech. Marine Engineering courses should not be withdrawn under section 47(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 read with para 6.5 of the Training Manual Vol. I and why the penalty of Five Lakh should not be levied;

9. The institute is directed to submit a written explanation, together with all supporting documents, records, and material relied upon by it, within the aforesaid period. The reply shall specifically indicate the reasons for non-compliance, the corrective measures taken, and the present status of compliance and The Principal of the Institute shall also furnish his/her explanation on the lapses at paragraph 5 along with the reply of the Institute. Upon submission of written explanation, the Institute may also seek a personal hearing, if it so desires. The date, time and venue of such hearing shall be scheduled separately and communicated to the Institute in due course.

10. Take notice that, if no reply is received within the stipulated period, or if the explanation submitted is found to be unsatisfactory, it is informed that the matter shall be proceeded with ex parte, and the Directorate General of Maritime Administration shall initiate such action as may be deemed fit in accordance with the applicable rules, orders, circulars, and governing regulatory framework, including but not limited to withdrawal of approval, blocking of access to the e-Governance portal, and any other consequential or incidental action, without any further notice.

11. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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1.Principal Officer, MMD Chennai