

42nd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 12.12.2024

Sr. no.	Agenda	Decision Taken
1.	<u>M/s. Trident College of Marine Technology, Kolkata –suspension of courses due to non-compliance of deficiencies [C.No.25052]</u>	MMD Kolkata carrying out inspection of M/s. Trident College of Marine Technology, Kolkata, on 20.08.2024 and subsequent inspection carried out by PO on 26.08.2024, wherein certain observations were noted. Decision :- PO, MMD, Kolkata will examine the compliance of the deficiencies submitted by the MTI and submit its recommendations in the next meeting.
2.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair :	<u>Background:</u> PO, MMD, Kolkata has forwarded the detailed report on various serious shortfalls observed in functioning of the Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology. It was stated in the report that the MTI may be advised to comply with the following: a) Immediately revive the QMS. b) Immediately get required qualified faculties and submit agreement with the faculty. c) Submit course wise lecture schedule with faculty at least for next 4 weeks. d) Install the CAS immediately. e) Follow up with DGS to upload pending batch details of DNS 2017-2018 batch and GP Rating July-Dec 2023 batch. f) Get special permission from DGS and fill up MTI Details, Authorized signatory, upload Document Details such as Land Registration, Incorporation certificate, Building certificate, QMS and MTI logo etc in e gov website. g) 1% Govt fees to be paid. h) Upon completion of above to carryout CIP as all above data are required to fill up in CIP Report. Decision :- MTI to complete the CIP. This to be communicated to MTI as well as to IRS.

3.	<u>Issue related to Cosmopolitan Technology of Maritime, Sriperumbudur (MTI No. 402008)</u>	BackgBackground: In 13th STCW Compliance Board meeting held on 02.02.2024, it was decided that the draft speaking order circulated is final and may be issued. Accordingly, interim speaking order was issued to the MTI on dated 09.02.2024. The MTI vide its letter dated 19.02.2024 has stated that they have complied with all deficiencies observed during the inspection and requested for the inspection. Accordingly, a request letter was sent to PO, MMD, Chennai on 28.02.2024 for verification of the compliance of deficiencies. The MMD, Chennai sought the readiness of the MTI for inspection on 29.02.2024. However, the MTI has consented to readiness on 15.03.2024 and subsequently, a compliance verification inspection was held by the inspection team on 26.03.2024. In this meeting, MMD Chennai informed that there was a hearing on the petition filed by the MTI and the Hon'ble court has nominated an Advocate Commissioner for conduct of the inspection, which is scheduled on 24.12.2024. Decision :- The outcome of the inspection scheduled on 24.12.2024 will be communicated.
4.	<u>Matter of Sea Scan Maritime Foundation, Goa:</u>	The examination of the land documents by legal consultant submitted by the MTI reveals significant discrepancies and inconsistencies. Decision :- 1. All the observations made by the legal consultant may be communicated to PO, MMD Mumbai. 2. All the observations made by the legal consultant may be communicated to the MTI for compliance /clarification.
5.	Application No.100206 – In-Principle Approval application from PERUNKADAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST	M/s. Perunkadal Educational Trust, Thoothukudi applied for in-principle approval to conduct DGS approved training course viz. Basic Safety Training + STSDSD. PO, MMD, Chennai reviewed the documents submitted and based on same, PO MMD Chennai has recommended to consider granting in-principle approval for

		conduct of the Basic Safety Training + STSDSD Courses to the Trust. The matter was put in the 42nd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 12.12.2024. The representative from the Trust gave presentation on their proposal. Decision :- The recommendations of PO MMD to consider granting in-principle approval for conduct of the Basic Safety Training + STSDSD Courses to the Trust was accepted by the Board.
6.	Strategy for increasing the share of Indian Seafarers from 12% to 20% Globally:	Decision :- 1. Combined Strategy Paper by DDG [Trg] and DDG[Crews] will be submitted. First part is that views from all jurisdictional POs be obtained and incorporated in this Strategy Paper. Actual data of each of the MMD in numbers, such as engine –deck /officers –ratings, how many MTIs , anticipated shortfalls, etc, to be taken into consideration. And based on the projection on seafarers employment, strategy paper will be prepared. 2. Second part of the documents is analyzing for the last three years, the total number of pass-outs and the total number of placements, and where exactly we have issues. 3. Third part is about what we have been proposing and talking for a considerably long time of almost a year now of a new technology stack for the Marathon Training Institute and incorporating what is called as dynamic batch sizing. 4. Forth part is that there had been training ships in the past. The possibilities on how many berths can be made available can be explore. 5. Due to social media pitching which will be in place from April/May25, there will be campaigns about seafarer career and a possibility of surplus turn out candidates. So the kind of employment i.e. traditional seafaring & other than this maritime domain related jobs, needs to be explore.

		6. There shall be qualified projection year-wise. Since there is no data analysis, there is no forward looking projection. 7. In addition to the above, Shri Vikrant Rai suggested that from big companies like anglo-eastern, etc. the data can be examined such that in which category they are employing the seafarers, how many Indians and how many from other nationalities. This will help to form strategy.
7.	Indian Merchant Navy Entrance Test:	Decision :- 1. The legal provision on the non-affiliation and the role of IMU and the role of DGS vis a vis maritime training be examined. 2. Legal aspects to be examined on who has the primary responsibility, what is the strategy on affiliations, why other than IMU affiliated MTIs be approved, shall affiliation and standardization etc. should basically be by the IMU and DGS should only take up assessment and certification, etc 3. Views of Chief Examiners in the matter be taken. 4. DG Shipping to examine the kind of strategy, methodology, centralized screening system, seats allocation, etc for non-affiliated MTIs.
8.	Merchant Navy – An Ideal Career Option: [merged agenda on ‘Rajdhani Republic Day Camp’ with this agenda]	Decision :- DG stated that merchant navy as a glorious career has already been captured in social media engagement which will start during April, 2025. If merchant navy cadets perform parade on the republic day, it will give physical visibility. The first pillar is to project merchant navy as a career. The second part essentially is about quality infrastructure and standardization which is basically the core role of DGS, which includes aspects like Learning Management System, faculty development programme and standardizing the MTI through MTA management module and CIP, etc. The third part is assessment and certification, and the benchmark would essentially be of international standards. Forth part is the actual thing about creating that push to reach that 20%. This agenda needs more fresh and critical inputs which are analytical so that we can take things forward. Training Branch to work on the same.

9.	STCW Compliance Board:	Decision :- Draft proposal for formalization of the STCW Compliance Board as a statutory body, alongwith the draft notification as a readymade template shall be submitted to the Ministry. However, prior to issue, the same will be routed through the legal division of the Directorate , also inputs from PO,MMDs be taken.
10.	Revamping of Training Manual:	Decision :- Two days' online workshop- 1/2 day for each part of the manual, will be organized wherein representatives from the MTI and the committee members will be invited. Get the validation of all inputs and freeze the 4 volumes and it can be published by 1 st week of January.
11.	Revamped Maritime Training Institute Module on E- Governance Platform:	Decision :- 1. Unless the revised four volumes of Training Manual are notified , the same cannot be incorporated it in what is already near finalized workflow and process flows for the revised MTA training model. 2. The revised techno commercial offer, which still hasn't been accepted by the competent authority and till date still is being discussed with the said firm and to be reflected to the ministry too as basically an option being exercised under GFR 194.
12.	Faculty Development Program:	Decision :- DDG (Training) has been instructed to come up with the effective documents which basically explores what the challenges are and the path ahead. This has to come from training department in consultation with the PO MMDs.
13.	Learning Management System:	Decision :- Concept Note to be circulated to all the STCW Compliance Board members. Inputs of PO MMDs to be taken.
14.	Maritime Training Institute Infrastructure Standardization / Categorization:	Decision :- DG stated that concept note should have clarity as this Directorate should have been best equipped in terms of information, analytics, insights, etc. to carry out effective regulation and compliance.
15.	<u>“Sagar Mey Yog” - Wellness Module as a structured ‘Life Skill’ for each mariner :</u>	Decision :- Both the modules, whatever stage they are, should be presented in next STCW

		Compliance Board meeting Entire committee members and all when the presentation is made may join online.
16.	Sagar Mey Samman” Module –	Decision :- Both the modules, whatever stage they are, should be presented in next STCW Compliance Board meeting Entire committee members and all when the presentation is made may join online.
17.	Web Based Simulation:	Decision :- DDG (Training) has been directed to come up with specific proposal.
18.	Artificial Intelligence & Virtual Reality/ Immersive Technologies in Training	Decision :- No updates in the matter.
19.	Safety First Culture – “सुरक्षा सवर्धुम- हमेशा” :	Decision :- (1) Concept Note to be submitted by Capt. Harinder Singh, NS in the next meeting. (2) Captain Nitin Mukesh can give basically a presentation on the ISPS, NSPC and the Bops on the way ahead.
20.	National Maritime Games:	Decision :- Dr. Girish Fadnis shall present the concept in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting.
21.	Maritime Domain- Growth and Transition Module:	Decision :- 1. Capt Daniel Joseph shall give presentation on awareness module in the next STCW Compliance Board meeting 2. Circular shall be circulated to all members of STCW Compliance Board.
22.	Maritime Training Conclave- Annual:	Decision :- DG stated that a kind of exchange platform does not exist today and best practices may kindly be obtained from other organizations.
23.	I.M.O Strategic Engagement- ‘Catch them young:	Decision :- DDG[Trg] an DDG [International Cooperation] should combinedly present what they are planning to do.

24.	Skill Development & Infrastructure Development Support Schemes – Central Sector/ State Sector/ Private Quality improvement funding platforms:	Decision :- DDG(training) to study what kind of schemes exist in the central domain or in the state sector, which provide at least assistance, support from the government in improving systems.
25.	Examination reforms:	Decision :- A status update, should essentially be given so that off officers are aware of the recent development.
26.	Dynamic Batch Sizing:	Decision :- The matter was put in the 42nd STCW Compliance Board Meeting held on 12.12.2024. No updates.
27.	Placement Portal – R.P.S.L Module revamp-addressing Malpractices:	Decision :- DDG[Trg] and DDG [crews] should combinedly give presentation on the subject.
28.	Leveraging Technology:	Decision :- DG has stated that we had sent a DO letter with the estimate of around 60-70 crores.
29.	Comprehensive Review of STCW Convention and Codes:	Decision :- Need to submit a detailed action plan and road map, mapping it to the calendar that is proposed for the STCW revision in IMO. Letter to be issued. Shri Senthil Kumar, Shri Praveen Nair and Shri Shitesh Ranjan to Monitor.
30.	SACE- SMarT [South Asia Centre for Excellence for Sustainable Maritime Transport] – India’s green shipping revolution:	Decision :- Get the LR to present the matter in the STCW Compliance Board meeting.
31.	Presentation on pendency of online in-principle approval and course approval of MTIs.	Member Secretary presented the pending online in-principle and course approvals on online MTI Module. Decision :- From next meeting onwards, pendency will be shown day-wise against the time indicated in the citizen charter.
32.	Review of legal matters in Training Division – updates thereof.	Legal Consultant [Trg] submitted the brief on pending active court cases.
33.	Request from Chairman, Kerala Maritime Board, Thiruvannthapuram for tie up	Kerala Maritime Board has proposed to transform two Maritime Training

	arrangement for swimming pool :	Institutes in Kodungallor and Neendakara into centers of excellence in maritime education. They proposed to conduct STCW courses at Kodungallor campus and started enhancing the infrastructure, including the mock up for firefighting training, and a swimming pool. Decision :- 1. Institute to apply online for in-principle approval in MTI module. 2. PO MMD Kochi to examine and submit detailed input with recommendation in accordance with the DGS guidelines.
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