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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

No. TR/TAR/1(22)/2016 20

Dated: 02.07.2019

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Background

The Directorate had accorded approval to the MTI "Aryavart Maritime Institute" (MTI No. 103024), NH-21, Rajemajra, ROPAR, Rupnagar, Punjab - 140108 for conducting "Basic STCW Safety Training, STSDSD, BOCTCO, Second Mate (FG) and Crowd Management passenger safety courses vide order dated 06.02.2019. The MTI had earlier been conducting non- DG approved courses by the name of "Punjab College of Marine Officers" from the same address and also been functioning as RPSL agents not approved by the Directorate.

1. Sequence of events

- 1.1. A complaint dated 15 / 05 / 2019 was received at the Directorate and then again on 13 / 06 / 2019 from an anonymous seafarer. On 27th May, 2019, two candidates visited the Directorate to narrate their serious grievance. On 28th May, 2019, three more candidates visited the Directorate with similar grievances.
- 1.2. The Principal of the MTI, Capt. Rakesh Trihan (CoC No. IF00-3267, INDoS No. 00NL4267) and the faculty Capt. Vijay Kumar Arora (CoC No. IF005323, INDoS No. 00NL7076) visited the Directorate on 29th May, 2019. They were briefed about the grievances of the candidates. The Principal, Capt. Rakesh Trihan and the faculty Capt. Vijay Kumar Arora then submitted their resignation from the MTI to the Directorate.

- 1.3. The Managing Director Mr. Suniel Kumar and Director Prof. Jaspreet Kaur visited the Directorate on 30th May, 2019 and assured to resolve the problems of the candidates. The MTI sent an email on 01 / 06 / 2019 requesting for closure of the "Aryavrat Maritime Institute", (MTI No. 103024), Rupnagar, Punjab. It has come to the notice of the Directorate that the MTI had returned the money to the candidates.

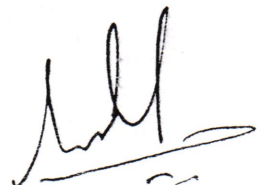
2. The Complaint

- 2.1. The complainant stated that the promoters of the institute sought approval of the Directorate to hide their illegitimate operations and use same to cheat younger generation. He further emphasized that the website of the MTI mentions "Approved by D. G. Shipping", Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India everywhere even if the MTI is advertising for jobs and placements. He further claimed that the modus operandi of the MTI was to mislead young candidates in the name of DGS approved institute and trapping them for unapproved maritime training institute and placement. The complainant had also drawn the attention of the Directorate to the advertisement in the MTI website claiming that the jobs for the institute's students are supported by "Aryavart Ship management Private Limited", S. C. O. 318, Level 1, Sector 38 D, Chandigarh - 160036, which is the non-RPSL company of the promoters of the MTI. The complaint also mentions about an agent "MK Shipping Private Limited", 216 - 202B, Second floor, Hamilton Court, Opposite new Court, Jalandhar, Punjab.

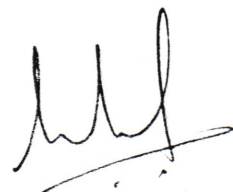
The above two mentioned offices at Chandigarh and Jalandhar of the MTI operate as an agent office to lure candidates for facilitating issuance of Indian "Continuous Discharge Certificate" (CDC) and providing onboard jobs through illegal means.



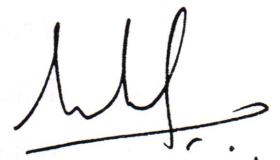
- 2.2. The candidates claimed that they paid 4.5 to 6 lakhs each to “Aryavart Maritime Institute” and “Aryavart Ship-management Private Limited”, a non-RPSL shipping company through an agent Mr. Sunil Kumar. This money was paid at the Chandigarh office of the MTI. The MTI mentions the bank details of their Chandigarh office on the website (Bank : ICICI, A/C No: 370505000071) where the money is paid by the candidates for admission in the MTI and onboard placement.
- 2.3. The five candidates in their complaint mentioned that the MTI “Aryavart Maritime Institute” has a branch office at Chandigarh where Capt. Vijay Kumar Arora is the main person dealing with employment of the candidates. It also states that Capt. Arora is supported by Directors Mr. Sunil and Prof. Jaspreet Kaur (Mobile: 8800477630) and agents Mr. Ashutosh (Mobile: 9304008627), Admission In-charge Mr. Jaswinder Singh (Mobile: 7508340906), Administration In-charge Mr. Pritam Thakur (Mobile: 7696865647), Mr. Anil Kumar (Mobile: 8146130339), and Mr. Ashwini Dhiman (Mobile: 9779806062) and demands Rs 2.5 to 5 lakhs for placement. Out of the mentioned amount, INR 2.5 lakhs is charged by the MTI “AMI” for training and the remaining amount for placement onboard.
- 2.4. One candidate complained that one of his friends was sent to Jakarta on tourist VISA without DGS approval for employment and therefore had to come back without any employment onboard.
- 2.5. Four of the five candidates received their “Basic STCW Safety Training” course and “Security Training for Seafarers Designated with Security Duties (STSDSD) course certificates by courier without attending the courses. These certificates were from the MTI “Marine Officers Training Academy”, (MTI No. 402014), No. 1, Anbunagar, THUTHIPET, Pondicherry - 605502.



3. In view of the above serious major non-conformities, the Maritime Training Institute **“Aryavart Maritime Institute”** (MTI No. 103024), is called upon to show cause as to why the following disciplinary action as given below should not be initiated.
- 3.1. Withdrawal of all approvals granted to the MTI.
- 3.2. Disciplinary action against the Trust “Aryavart Maritime and Education Trust” and trustees Mr. Suniel Kumar (son of Dr. P. Dayal) and Mrs. Jaspreet Kaur (wife of Mr. Suniel Kumar) and blacklisting them from being associated with any kind of business related to the Directorate General of Shipping for a period of minimum 5 years.
- 3.3. Penal action against trustees of the Trust “Aryavart Maritime and Education Trust” Mr. Suniel Kumar (son of Dr. P. Dayal) and Mrs. Jaspreet Kaur (wife of Mr. Suniel Kumar) for illegally sending candidates to foreign countries for placement on ships and blacklisting them from being associated with any kind of business related to the Directorate General of Shipping for a period of minimum 5 years.
- 3.4. Disciplinary action like suspension of Certificate of Competency for a period of minimum 5 years for misleading and cheating young and innocent candidates and misusing their Certificate of Competency against the Principal Capt. Rakesh Trihan and the faculty Capt. Vijay Kumar Arora.
- 3.5. Penal action against Mr. Ashutosh (Mobile: 9304008627), Admission In-charge Mr. Jaswinder Singh (Mobile: 7508340906), Administration In-charge Mr. Pritam Thakur (Mobile: 7696865647), Mr. Anil Kumar (Mobile: 8146130339), and Mr. Ashwini Dhiman (Mobile: 9779806062) for misleading and cheating the young and innocent candidates.



4. Your reply to this Show Cause Notice may be submitted to this Directorate within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Show Cause Notice failing which the actions mentioned above shall be initiated.
5. This Show Cause Notice is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India in exercise of the powers conferred under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 as amended.


(Ashish M Wankhede)
Deputy Director General of Shipping
2019/04/02

To,
Aryavart Maritime Institute, NH-21, Rajemajra, Ropar, Rupnagar,
Punjab – 140108.

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