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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F.No. 3-TR(98)/99-STSDSD

Date: 06.01.2020

**ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL AND
DE-RECOGNITION OF INSTITUTE**

1. Background:

The MTI Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science and Engineering (PKIMSE) (MTI No. 406027) located at 1069, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Tamilnadu – 608602 is owned by a Trust “Kamalam Sambandam Alagiri(KSA) Educational and Charitable Trust” and the Trustees of the Trust are Mr. K. S. Alagiri, Mr. S. Soundrapandian, Smt. KSA Vatchala, Smt. KSA Santhi and Miss A. Anusaya. The Directorate had accorded approval to the Maritime Training Institute (MTI) for conducting “Training for General Purpose Rating”, “Basic STCW Safety Training”, “Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations”, “Refresher training for proficiency in Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting”, “Refresher training for Proficiency in Personal Survival Technique” and “Security Training for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties” courses.

Several complaints were received against the MTI from students at the Directorate. The institute was asked to respond to the complaints received. The details of the deficiencies, reply given by the MTI & Training Branch Comments are as follows:

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2. Deficiency 1:

The candidate Mr. Alavala Vishnu Vardhan (INDoSNo. 18ZL4178), alleged that he was admitted for a "Graduate Marine Engineering" course which was not approved by the Directorate in "TMC Shipping Private Limited" by "TMC Shipping Private Limited". The candidate was cheated because he was not aware that "TMC Shipping Private Limited" was a DG approved RPSL company with RPSL number RPSL No. RPSL-MUM-423 and not a Maritime Training Institute approved by the Directorate. He alleged that he was charged 3.5 lakhs as course fee and another 3 lakhs for placement by the company "TMC Shipping Private Limited". The candidate also submitted the certificate he received from the "Institute of Marine Education and Training" (IMETIA) bearing certificate number 2018/ 179 issued on 12/05/2018 to prove his allegations.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has clarified that the candidate Mr. Alavala Vishnu Vardhan has reported directly to the MTI PKIMSE and attended the STCW and STSDSD course.

Findings of the Directorate:

The candidate was sent to the MTI by TMC Shipping Private Limited. The said reply is not directly related to the MTI.

Deficiency 2:

The candidate Mr. Alavala Vishnu Vardhan (INDoS No. 18ZL 4178) informed that the "TMC Shipping Private Limited" sent him to attend the "Basic Safety Training" and "STSDSD" courses at the MTI "PKIMSE". The candidate alleged that he attended the MTI only for one day and his signatures were taken. The candidate submitted objective evidence to the Directorate to prove his allegations.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has clarified that the candidate Mr. Alavala Vishnu Vardhan has reported directly to the MTI PKIMSE and attended the STCW and STSDSD course.

Findings of the Directorate:

The candidate has submitted objective evidence that he has attended the MTI only for one day. The evidence submitted by the candidate is available at the Directorate. The documents submitted by the candidate are hand written letter, Original Course Certificate issued by PKIMSE and original certificate received from Institute of Maritime education and training Australia. The Candidate has forwarded his (scanned copy) train ticket to the Directorate where he claimed to be travelling from Vijayawada to New Delhi on 14.06.2018, whereas PKIMSE has issued course certificate to the candidate from 07.06.2018 to 20.06.2018 for Basic Safety Course. Hence, the MTI has issued course certificate to the candidate

without imparting training. The reply given by the MTI is not acceptable. It is a major non conformity as per para 5.3.1 of DGS Order 05 of 2016.

Deficiency 3:

The candidate Mr. Alavala Vishnu Vardhan (INDoS No. 18ZL4178) was issued certificate for "Basic Safety Training" course bearing certificate number PKIMSE/STCW/13/02/2018 on 20/06/2018 and certificate for "STSDSD" course bearing certificate number PKIMSE/STSDSD/13/02/2018 on 22/06/2018. It was noticed that these certificates did not have signature of the candidate but were signed by the course In-charge and Principal/Director.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that they have shown soft copy of the candidates' certificate to check his personal details and instruct him to put his signature while issuing hard copy of his certificate.

Findings of the Directorate:

Whereas MTI has also not denied the fact that Principal & Course-in-charge have issued the certificate to the candidate without imparting training. The copies of certificates in possession of the Directorate General of Shipping clearly shows that it has been signed by Course In-Charge and Principal without obtaining the signature of candidate. It is the primary duty and responsibility of the Principal and

Course-in-charge to verify the course certificate with the candidate's photograph and signature. The fact the Principal has signed these certificates without photograph & signature of the candidate, clearly shows that the Institute and the Principal do not verify that candidate being issued certificate has indeed attended the course. This also points out the overall modus operandi of the Institute, i.e. uploading the batch details on DGS website, not conducting class for the batch uploaded and issuing certificates to those who have not undergone training and so on. It is a major non conformity as per para 5.3.1 of DGS Order 05 of 2016.

Deficiency 4

As per the faculty details uploaded by the MTI, there is no Principal and the MTI is operating with only one faculty and two instructors. In such circumstances, it is evident that the MTI does not have faculty/ instructors for smooth conduct of DGS approved maritime course. The MTI is approved by the Directorate for a six months duration course (G.P.Rating) and five basic modular courses.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that they are currently running only GP Rating Course and they have sufficient faculty and instructors to run the GP Rating course as per DG Shipping guidelines.

Findings of the Directorate:

The MTI had been conducting numerous batches of Basic Safety Training. Hence the MTI is required to have faculty/Instructor for modular courses also. The MTI agrees that there was no Principal. Therefore, the reply itself accepts a major non-conformity.

Deficiency 5

During the period from 01/03/2019 to 30/04/2019, the MTI had conducted "Basic Safety Training" course for 30 batches totaling 695 candidates. It is evident that these course certificates were issued without imparting training as the MTI did not have the required resources like faculty/ instructors during the said period for conducting the course for those candidates.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that during 01.03.2019 to 30.04.2019, they have got sufficient vacant classrooms and locally available faculty members to impart training to candidates so they have conducted more number of batches but office staff had failed to maintain their records due to lack of awareness. The MTI said that they will maintain all such details further.

Findings of the Directorate:

In accordance with DGS circular no. 06 of 2019 dated 19.03.2019, circular no. 31 of 2018 dated 02.11.2018 and circular no. 24 of 2018 dated 18.09.2018, the MTI is

required to update faculty details in the DGS website. This requirement has not been met by the Institute. MTI is now putting all the blame on staff to circumvent the main issue of non-availability of faculty. As per their record, MTI had only one faculty and two Instructors for all the approved maritime courses and this faculty was barely sufficient to conduct G.P. Ratings course. The MTI has no faculty to conduct basic safety courses, clearly showing that the MTI had not conducted any classes and yet issued certificates for completion of the course to candidates. It is a major non-compliance as per para 5.3.1 of DGS Order 05 of 2016. Therefore, the reply given by the MTI is not acceptable.

Deficiency 6:

The MTI had admitted 48 candidates for batch No. 7 of the "Basic Safety Training" course. Whereas the MTI is approved for only 24 candidates /batch.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has clarified that they are currently running only GP Rating course and they have sufficient faculty and instructors to run the GP Rating course as per DG Shipping guidelines.

Findings of the Directorate:

The maximum intake capacity for the Basic Safety Training course is 24 candidates/batch. The reply given by the MTI is not acceptable as it is not addressing the deficiency.

Deficiency 7:

During the period from 01/03/2019 to 30/04/2019, the MTI had conducted "STSDSD" course for 33 batches totaling 760 candidates. It is evident that these course certificates were issued without imparting training as the MTI did not have the required resources like faculty/instructors during the said period for conducting the course for those candidates.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that during 01.03.2019 to 30.04.2019, they have got sufficient vacant classrooms and locally available faculty members to impart training to candidates so they have conducted more number of batches but office staff had failed to maintain their records due to lack of awareness. The MTI said that they will maintain all such details further.

Findings of the Directorate:

The MTI is required to update faculty details. MTI is putting all the blame on staff to circumvent the matter of availability of faculty and their record. MTI had only one faculty and two Instructors for all the approved maritime courses. MTI had not

conducted any classes and issued certificates to candidates. It is a major non-compliance as per para 5.3.1 of DGS Order 05 of 2016. Therefore, the reply given by the MTI is not acceptable.

Deficiency 8:

The MTI had admitted 47 candidates for batch No. 17 of the "STSDSD" course. Whereas the MTI is approved for only 24 candidates/ batch.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that the Batch No. 17 of STSDSD course had been entered wrongly for two separate batches of different dates due to human error.

Findings of the Directorate:

The maximum intake capacity for the Basic Safety Training course is 24 candidates/batch. The reply given by the MTI is not acceptable. Batch details are submitted before the commencement of the class. It is not possible to submit batch details of 2 batches unless the two batches commence simultaneously. This would require 2 sets of faculty and infrastructure. The Institute does not have 2 sets of faculty and has not been inspected and approved for 2 sets of infrastructure. The reply of the Institute is therefore not acceptable as it is an after thought to cover up its blatant wrong doings.

Deficiency 9:

As per the records submitted by the MTI, there is no objective evidence to prove that the MTI had undertaken any Comprehensive Inspection Programme(CIP) grading required as per DGS Order No. 04 of 2016 dated 12/09/2016.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that the CIP was carried out by RINA India Private Limited on 30.10.2018, awarded A2 Grade. However, they have underdone CIP grading in 31.03.2019.

Findings of the Directorate:

As per DGS Training Circular No. 05 of 2019 para 10 on page no. 03 all MTI were directed to update their last CIP grading latest by 31.03.2019. The MTI PKIMSE has not uploaded the CIP status till date. It is a non-conformity by MTI.

Deficiency 10:

The MTI had not uploaded Time table for the last 4 months and therefore not complying with Para 7 of DGS Training Circular No. 06 of 2019 dated 19/03/2019.

Reply by the MTI:

The MTI has replied that they are not planning for any batches of STCW courses and running only GP Rating course at present so only they have not uploaded

timetable details. Henceforth, they will upload timetable online as per DG Shipping requirements.

Findings of the Directorate:

The reply of MTI is not acceptable, because they have conducted Basic Safety Course and STSDSD Course and not uploaded time table in Training module of e-governance as required by DGS Training Circular 06 of 2019. The MTI is also required to include the ongoing course in the Time Table.

3. In view of the above it is evident that the MTI was not conforming to the DGS Orders/Guidelines issued from time to time. Some of these non-conformities were related to

- a) Issuance of course certificates to candidates without imparting training.
- b) Uploading batch details of candidates who did not attend the courses.
- c) Principal and Course In-Charge signing certificates of candidates without verification of the candidate (No photograph and signature of the candidate). Also, signing certificates for the candidates for whom there is no objective evidence of attending the course.
- d) Video recordings for practical training, biometric attendance and other records as required by DGS Training Circulars and Guidelines not submitted to the Directorate.
- e) The MTI is running courses without having required number of Faculties and Instructors.

4. Eighty Five candidates who were issued certificate for basic modular course from Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science and Engineering and have submitted to the Directorate that they have obtained these course certificate without attending classes. The statement of these candidates only corroborates the findings of the Directorate in response to Deficiency 5. In view of the above it is evident that the MTI was not following the instructions contained in the DGS Orders/Guidelines issued from time to time and have been involved in issuance of course certificate without conducting classes.

5. The MTI, Trust Chairman Shri K.S. Alagiri was given an opportunity of hearing by the DG(S). The justification given by the Chairman was not accepted by the undersigned because of the above mentioned reasons.

In view of the above, it is clear that the conduct of the MTI has not been above board and that the management and trustees are involved in several questionable activities including arranging fake certificates to the candidates.

6. Now, therefore the undersigned, in exercise of the powers of supervision of maritime training as provided in Rule 75 of the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014 notified

under Section 78, 87, 88, 98, 456, 457 and 458 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended, and in terms of para 5.5 of DGS Order No. 5 of 2016 for the preceding reasons spelt out, hereby de-recognizes the institute and also permanently withdraws all the approvals accorded to M/s.Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science and Engineering (MTI No. 406027) located at 1069, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Tamilnadu – 608602 the details of which are given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Course	Date of Approval
1	Security Training. for Seafarer with Designated Security Duties	05-Jun-2014
2	Training for General Purpose Ratings	16-Jan-2016
3	Basic Training for Oil and Chemical Tanker Cargo Operations	17-Jun-2016
4	Refresher Training for Proficiency in FPFF	26-Oct-2016
5	Refresher Training for Proficiency in PST	26-Oct-2016
6	Basic Safety Training	27-Dec-2018

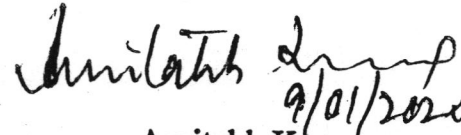
The Institute will complete the training of the existing batch of G.P. Ratings and not take any fresh admission from 01.01.2020. The Trustees/ Directors of the MTI, M/s. Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Institute of Maritime Science and Engineering (MTI No. 406027) located at 1069, Chidambaram, Cuddalore, Tamilnadu – 608602 namely, Mr. K. S. Alagiri, Mr. S. Soundrapandian , Smt. KSA Vatchala, Smt. KSA Santhi and Miss A. Anusaya are also debarred from DGS related activities for a period of 5 years.

The MTI is directed to preserve all records pertaining to the attendance of faculty, candidates and biometric attendance, registers, video recordings and all such

requirement as per relevant DG Order, Circulars and Guidelines and present it to the DG authority as an when called for further investigation and verification.

Receipt of this order may please be acknowledged.

Yours Sincerely,

 9/01/2020

Amitabh Kumar

(Director General Of Shipping
&

Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India.)

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