ABSTRACT
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department – Industries and Commerce Department Chemical Wing - Shifting the Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Guindy to Coimbatore - Orders Issued.

MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (E) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No: 16 Dated: 5.4.2013

Read:
1. G.O.(Ms) No.487, Firka Development Department, dated 23.5.1949.

Read also:

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, the Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Guindy, Chennai was established in the year 1949 for imparting training to students in the manufacture of Scientific Glasswares with an intake of 10 students per year for a period of one year with a stipend of Rs.25/- per month. In the G.O. 2nd read above, the stipend amount paid to the trainees was increased from Rs.80/- per month to Rs.120/- per month with effect from 1.7.1987. In the G.O. 3rd read above, the student intake for the Training was increased from 20 to 25.

2. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has stated that at present Students in the age group of 15 to 20 years with a pass in SSLC and domicile of Tamil Nadu are being admitted in this course. The training imparted to the students is practical oriented and there are no theoretical papers. After the completion of Training for 2 years, a Certificate is issued by Industries and Commerce Department for the Training undergone. During last 6 years, the
Students joining this course has drastically come down and the details of Students joined in this course during the last 6 years are as follows:

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During the Accountant General Audit for the period from 16.9.2011 to 21.9.2011, he has pointed out that the poor enrolment of students for this training programme as mentioned below:

“A Review of the working of the Training Centre may be made by the Department to improve the performance. Otherwise, the possibility / feasibility of merging the activities of the Training Centre with other Government run Technical Institutions like Polytechnics may be explored. It was also stated that the fact would be examined and final report would be furnished to the Audit”.

The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has also stated that the above suggestion has been examined in detail. There is no Institute offering 2 years Certificate Course in the manufacture of Scientific Glass Apparatus in Tamil Nadu and the Polytechnics are conducting 3 ½ year Diploma Course. Further Government ITIs are also not conducting such 2 year practical oriented Certificate Course in Scientific Glass Apparatus Fabrication. Hence, merging this Training Centre with other Government run Technical Institutions like it is / Polytechnics is not found feasible.

3. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has further stated that the reasons attributed for the poor enrolment of Students in the Training Centre now functioning at Guindy are detailed below:-

(a). In 1950’s the Government of India started many Research Institutions and Industries which required skilled manpower. Research Institutions and higher educational institutions required glass blowers to make scientific glassware and the trained glass blowers got jobs in these institutions and also in private sector manufacturing units.

(b). Presently most of the students trained in the Training Centre are working in private sectors that too in unorganized sectors. Also the number of Industries manufacturing scientific glasswares are very limited. In view of the less scope of employment the student’s strength joining in this course has also come down drastically from the year 2008. Inspite of wide
publicity made for admission to the course only 6 students and 2 students are currently undergoing training in the 2nd and 1st year.

(c). Another reason is the heavy industrialization of the district adjoining Chennai, that is Kancheepuram district and Tiruvallur District. Thousands of Industries have come up at Sriperumbudur and Oragadam which required plenty of skilled and unskilled workers. The students who have completed SSLC get recruited to these industries easily and job opportunities have tremendously increased with better salary.

(d). In view of the availability of plenty of job opportunities in and around Chennai, students from rural areas who are economically weaker, who preferred to join this course earlier now prefer to go to job directly to an industry. In this view students from three Districts viz. Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur who contribute 90% of intake of the training course now show less interest in this course.

(e). The Students joining for this training will get job only after two years and that not in Chennai and in other states far away from their native place and the salary paid to them is not appreciable when comparing the 10th pass students directly employed in Multi National Companies and other industries located adjoining Chennai.

4. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has stated that despite all out efforts to create awareness and wide publicity, the students in and around Chennai have not shown much response. Even students' response from surrounding areas like Arakkonam, Tirutani etc., has also come down drastically. After exploring various options, it was felt that best possible alternative to revive this Training Centre is to shift Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Guindy to Coimbatore where the Government Production Centre for Scientific Glass Apparatus is already functioning. If the Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Guindy is transferred to Coimbatore then the Rural and Economically weaker students in and around Coimbatore who cannot afford further or higher studies or who do not have a job and who do not have opportunities to learn this course at Chennai due to long distance may get an opportunity to learn this job oriented training so that they may get a job with this training. Moreover the Trainees students will get experience in the production side also an added advantage to the students. Further by shifting the Glass Training Centre, Chennai to Coimbatore the Technical Staff of Training Centre can be effectively used for production centre as well as for training Centre. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has suggested that Training Centre may be located in the Common Facility Centre building belonging to Industries and Commerce Department with a built up area of 3610 Sq.ft now kept idle adjacent to the Government Production Centre for Scientific Glass Apparatus, Coimbatore. Above building requires renovation, as per the Public Works Department's initial estimate an amount of Rs.27.30 lakhs is required for renovation of the Building.
proposed for locating the Training Centre the existing Staff in the Guindy Training Centre may be utilized for the proposed Training Centre at Coimbatore.

5. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce has therefore requested orders of the Government on the following:

   a) Shifting the Government Scientific Glass Training Centre, Guindy, Chennai to Coimbatore.

   b) Sanction of Rs.27.30 lakhs for Renovation of the Common Facility Centre Building at Coimbatore for locating this Training Centre.

   c) Budget Provision to meet the recurring expenditure such as Staff Salary, Raw materials purchase, Office Contingencies etc.,

   d) Increasing the Stipend to the Students from the existing Rs.120/- month to Rs.500/- per month.

6. The Government after careful consideration accept the proposal of the Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce and direct to him to shift the Government Scientific Glass Training Centre from Guindy, Chennai to Common Facility Centre Building at Coimbatore.

7. The Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce is requested to send necessary proposals to Government relating to para 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d) above.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.2851 / Finance (Industries) / 2013, dated 19.2.2013.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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