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To,

Chairman (by name)
State Pollution Control Boards
Gujarat, Rajasthan

Directions Under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs), constituted under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells in the state and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and to provide technical assistance & guidance to State Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) have been set up in various States to treat combined effluents of cluster of industries that are significant sources of water pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Central Government has notified standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries and common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, the SPCBs/PCCs can stipulate standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries and common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) more stringent than those notified by the Central Government, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, CPCB had been pursuing with your SPCB from time to time with regard to compliance of the CETPs with the prescribed standards for inlet and final effluent quality; and

WHEREAS, CPCB had requested all the SPCBs/PCCs vide letter No. B-22013/2/PCI-III/2006, dated May 18, 2007 to initiate monitoring programme for all CETPs at least every quarter and to take follow up action against industries/CETPs not complying with the prescribed standards; and

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WHEREAS, your SPCB has not informed CPCB of having initiated the regular monitoring programme for CETPs; and

WHEREAS, concerted efforts need to be made by your SPCB to stop direct discharge of untreated industrial effluents from industries/ industrial estates without connecting these to the CETPs, wherever applicable; and

WHEREAS, CPCB had requested SPCBs/PCCs vide letter No. B-22013/2/PCI-III/2007, dated July 31, 2007 that any expansion/establishment of the industrial units in areas where the CETPs are not complying with the standards should not be permitted without ensuring the adequacy of the CETPs to comply with standards with respect to the additional discharge load on the CETPs; and

NOW, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the following directions are hereby issued to Gujarat Pollution Control Board for compliance:

1. To initiate monitoring programme for all CETPs at least every quarter and take follow up action against industries/CETPs not complying with the prescribed standards; and
2. Not to permit expansion/establishment of the industrial units in the areas where the associated CETPs are not complying with the required standards and where such CETPs do not have adequate hydraulic load capacities; and
3. To submit action taken report every quarter on (1) and (2) above within one month of every quarter to CPCB.


(J. M. Mauskar)
Chairman
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Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India
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3. Incharge, ESS Division, CPCB, Delhi
4. The Zonal Officers, CPCB (Vadodara / Bhapal)


(J. M. Mauskar)
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