



No.: CPCB-B-33014/267/2018/IPC-II/9316

SPEED POST
August 6, 2018

To

M/s. Smridhi Sponge Pvt. Ltd.,
Mohitpur P.O.- Sini,
Dist. Seraikela Kharsawan,
Jharkhand

Sub.: Revocation of Closure Directions issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding Non-connectivity of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system.

Ref.: CPCB Letter No. B-33014/7/2016/PCI-II/7544-7606, dated 02.02.2016.

WHEREAS, integrated steel plants and sponge iron units are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on the water and air quality; and

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

WHEREAS, there is need to inculcate habit of self-monitoring within the industries for complying with the prescribed standards and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent and emission monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, for strengthening the monitoring and compliance through self-regulatory mechanism, online source emission and effluent monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for installation of online emission monitoring system w.r.t. PM and SO₂ parameters & online effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, BOD, COD and TSS in iron & steel industries; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/ representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs / PCCs, an extension of time up to June 30, 2015 for installation of online monitoring systems was granted vide direction dated March 02, 2015 under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and

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WHEREAS, a letter vide dated May 29, 2015 was issued by the Chairman CPCB to all the SPCBs/ PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and withdrawal of consent to operate along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying units; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC issued directions under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to install the online monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and to submit bank guarantee of 100% of the cost of online emission & effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, Show Cause Notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was issued on July 23, 2015 to all integrated iron & steel plants and sponge iron units to show-cause as to why the unit should not be closed down if, the unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission & effluent monitoring system by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, a notice dated January 07, 2016 was published in Hindustan Times, Navbharat Times and local newspapers to the non-responding industries to respond immediately within a weeks' time from the date of publication of the notice; and

WHEREAS, your unit failed to respond to both the aforesaid notices, issued on 23.07.2015 u/s 5 of E(P) Act, 1986 and public notice appeared in aforesaid daily newspapers dated 07.01.2016;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated 10.07.2002, has delegated the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, to issue directions to any industry or any local body or any other authority for violations of the standards and rules notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and amendment thereof; and

WHEREAS, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s. Smridhi Sponge Pvt. Ltd., Mohitpur, P.O.- Sini, Dist. Seraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand was directed on 02.02.2016 to close down its operation with immediate effect due to non-compliance of the notice issued on July 23, 2015 for installation and providing 24x7 online connectivity to CPCB server for effluent and emission monitoring system as per guidelines of CPCB; and

WHEREAS, a representation from the industry is submitted to CPCB vide letters dated 26.06.2018 in response to aforesaid closure directions, wherein it is communicated that the unit has installed online monitoring system (OCEMS) and its connectivity with CPCB Server has been established.



WHEREAS, the unit has also submitted registration form (RTDMS) for CEMS which indicate that CEMS is installed on one (common) stack of the two kilns and the unit has also submitted a self-certificate in this regard; and



WHEREAS, the response has been examined and it is noted that the connectivity of the OCEMS installed by the unit has been established with CPCB Server; and

WHEREAS, a meeting of the Committee for revocation of closure directions was held on 27.07.2018 at CPCB, Delhi and the three-member Committee recommended for revocation of closure order dated 02.02.2016 to the unit with the condition that the unit shall operate only with valid consent from SPCB;

NOW, THEREFORE in view of the recommendation of the committee meeting held on 27.07.2018 at CPCB, Delhi the closure direction dated February 02, 2016 issued u/s 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to M/s. Smridhi Sponge Pvt. Ltd., Mohitpur, P.O.- Sini, Dist. Seraikela Kharsawan, Jharkhand are hereby revoked with the following conditions:

1. The industry shall operate 2x100 TPD Sponge Iron unit with valid consent under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, & Authorization under H&OW (M&TEM) Rules, 2016 and
2. The industry shall ensure continuous data transmission from online emission and effluent monitoring systems to CPCB and SPCB and shall comply with the aforesaid Directions.

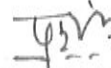
However, any proposal for expansion of the existing project shall be intimated to CPCB/ SPCB and applicability / scope of the installation of OCEMS will be subjected to further verification.


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Chairman


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