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The Chairman,  
Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee,  
Department of Science Technology & Environment  
Housing Board Complex, 3rd Floor, Anna Nagar  
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Sub: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 in the matter of violation of consent condition by the industry- reg.

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and under Section 17 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the function of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) is to plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams, wells and air pollution in the State of Madhya Pradesh and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, under section 16 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 16 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs / PCCs; and

WHEREAS, the Chlor Alkali industries 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, M/s. Chemfab Alkalies Limited, Puducherry (herein after referred to as the Unit) has installed online monitoring system w.r.t CPCB direction no. B-29016/04/06/PCI-I/4746 dated July 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, numerous public complaints has been received for the Unit from Puducherry Environment Protection And Awareness Training Association (PEPTA), Puducherry & Pondicherry Green Foundation (PGF); and

WHEREAS, the Unit was jointly inspected by a team of official(s) from the CPCB Regional Directorate, Bangalore & officials from Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) on December 29, 2017 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and non comply of PPCC direction in respect of installation of desalination Plant by the Unit, observed that the Unit has not installed desalination plant in the premises

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and not obtained NOC/permission from Puducherry Ground water authority (certificate from PGW authority expired on 31.03.2017); and

WHEREAS, the PPCC vide consent order no. 1844/PPCC/CON/WTR/OM-KPT/JE-II/2017/550 dated July 21, 2017 has quoted decision of the 152nd meeting of PPCC held on 08.09.2016 that the Unit has to complete the installation of desalination plant within one year, which has not been completed by the Unit; and

WHEREAS, the PPCC has been asked w.r.t. public complaint vide CPCB letter B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/16666 dated January 25, 2018 to provide action taken as the industry has violated the consent condition by not installing the desalination plant; and


WHEREAS, the PPCC has again been reminded vide CPCB letter B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/17873 dated February 28, 2018 to provide action taken report in reference against M/s Chemfab Alkalis Ltd., Puducherry w.r.t. public complaint; 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;


- (i) That Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) for immediate compliance by submitting the action-taken report w.r.t. installation of Desalination Plant by the industry.
- (ii) PPCC shall direct the unit to obtain and submit NOC/permission from Puducherry Ground water authority (certificate from PGW authority expired on 31.03.2017).
- (iii) CPCB will levy environmental compensation charges from the unit in case found non-compliance.

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