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To,

The Chairman,

Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution Control Board
22, Nemi Rd, Dalanwala Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248001

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18(1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974

WHEREAS, amongst others, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and Pollution Control Committee (PCC), constituted under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells located in the State and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, Ardh Kumbh Mela is scheduled to be held at Allahabad during January, 2019 to February, 2019, an important 6-yearly ritual held on the bank of river Ganga in Allahabad which involves a holy dip (bathing) in to river Ganga.

WHEREAS, the discharge of partially treated / untreated effluent of the industries is a major source of pollution in Ganga and impacts the color of the river besides increasing its pollution load; thereby making the water unfit for bathing on the holy occasion.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Uttarakhand Environment and Pollution Control Board is hereby directed to take following corrective measures and further direct concerned authorities/industries for ensuring pollution free condition in river Ganga at Allahabad during Ardh Kumbh Mela:

1. There will be no discharge of effluent in river Ganga & its tributaries from Grossly Polluting Units (Distillery, Sugar, Pulp & Paper, Textile etc) during the Kumbh Mela.
2. UEPPCB shall monitor the river water quality of river Dhela, Kosi, Bhela, Kitcha, on daily basis and upload the data on the web.
3. UEPPCB shall ensure the weekly monitoring of drains and STPs in the area and upload the data on the web
4. UEPPCB shall inspect grossly polluting industries on weekly basis for compliance check and ensuring there is no discharge of effluent.

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5. UEPPCB shall enforce regulatory measures for control of pollution so that bathing water quality of river Ganga is maintained during Kumbh Mela.

The action taken report shall be submitted by UEPPCB to CPCB within 15 days from the date of receipt of these directions alongwith a time bound action plan for compliance of the directions. UEPPCB shall also acknowledge the receipt of these directions to CPCB by return fax.


(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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