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To

The Chairman
All SPCBs/PCCs

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Sub: Directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 in the matter of compliance of environmental norms in Water Polluting Industries –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 / Union territory 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 and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to co-ordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs/PCCs; and

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

WHEREAS, water polluting industries have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, which pose constant threat to cause adverse effect on the water and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the SPCBs and PCCs are required to ensure installation and regular operation of the requisite pollution control facilities in the Water Polluting Industries; and

WHEREAS, if effluents or emissions of such plants do not comply with stipulated standards then it may lead to pollution, having the potential to cause adverse impact on the quality of the recipient environment; and

WHEREAS, the industry specific standards are being prescribed by SPCBs / PCCs vide consent to operate under the Water & Air Act and authorisation under the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules and compliance of these standards are being verified by the officials of the State Board; and

WHEREAS, as per section 25 of the Water Act, 1974, SPCBs / PCCs shall maintain a register containing particulars or conditions imposed under this section and so much of the register as relates to any outlet, or to any effluent from any land or premises shall be open to inspection as all reasonable hours by any persons interested in; and

WHEREAS, SPCBs/PCCs are granting consent to operate to the industries and are responsible to achieve compliance with the standards and provide updated status of compliance in public domain; and

WHEREAS, it is utmost essential that SPCBs/PCCs do maintained updated status on compliance and industries to operate with valid consent to operate; and

WHEREAS, CPCB collected the information which needs to be updated; and

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are issued for compliance to the SPCBs/PCCs;

- To identify water polluting industries which discharge their trade effluent / sewage into river directly or indirectly.

- Water polluting industries refers to industries which are discharging trade effluent / sewage into river / its tributaries directly or indirectly.
- Indirect disposal relates to the disposal of trade effluent / sewage into drain which ultimately join the river / its tributaries or discharge on to land for utilisation purpose subject to meeting the prescribed standards and excess / unutilised effluent going to the river.
- To ensure that water polluting industries discharge their trade effluent / sewage only after adequate treatment and meeting the notified standards into river.
- To ensure immediate action against those water polluting industries which are found non-complying with the environmental standard.

The SPCBs/PCCs shall submit the compliance of the directions to the Central Pollution Control Board within 30 days from the date of receipt of these directions.

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Chairman



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