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To,

**Chairman,**

Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB)

29/20, Nemi Road

Dehradun- 248 001 (Uttarakhand)

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING MAGH MELA, 2021**

**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**, amongst others, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the function of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), 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**, amongst others, under section 16 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the function 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 (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs / PCCs; and

**WHEREAS**, amongst others, under section 16 of the Water (Prevention and Control of pollution) Act, 1974, one of the function of the Central Pollution Control Board, is to promote cleanliness of streams and wells in different areas of the States; and

**WHEREAS**, the discharge of partially treated / untreated effluent from the industries and sewage are major sources of pollution in river Ganga and impact the color of the river besides increasing the pollution load; thereby making the water unfit for bathing on the holy occasions; and

**WHEREAS**, Magh Mela, an important yearly ritual held on the bank of river Ganga at Prayagraj which involves the holy dips (bathings) in to river Ganga which is scheduled to be held during 14<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, a meeting was held on November 25, 2020 through video conferencing with officials of UKPCB and UPPCB wherein it was decided that joint monitoring will be carried out by CPCB, UPSPCB and UEPPCB on Daily/weekly/fortnightly basis from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 to 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 as per the suggested monitoring plan (Annexure-I).

**AND NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) is hereby directed to take following corrective measures and further direct concerned authorities/industries for ensuring pollution free condition of river Ganga at Prayagraj during Magh Mela, 2021:

1. UKPCB shall take immediate necessary action to effectively control all polluting sources contributing impact on water quality of river Ganga at Prayagraj.
2. UKPCB shall ensure the monitoring of water quality of River Ramganga and its tributaries and adjoining drains as per the monitoring plan suggested in the meeting held on 25.11.2020 and upload the data on the website and submit analysis report to CPCB on daily basis (Email: [mscb.cpcb@nic.in](mailto:mscb.cpcb@nic.in), [ngrba.cpcb@gmail.com](mailto:ngrba.cpcb@gmail.com), [wq.ngrba@gmail.com](mailto:wq.ngrba@gmail.com)).
3. UKPCB shall setup surveillance squad for grossly polluting industries/CETPs located in catchment of sub-basin river Ramganga on weekly basis for compliance check and ensure that no industry/CETP disposes untreated effluent and any effluent not meeting prescribed standards into any tributary and its drain so that river Ganga does not receive any coloured/ untreated/partially treated effluent which will effects its quality at Prayagraj.
4. UKPCB shall direct to authorities/institutions to take necessary measures so that STPs operate to their maximum designed capacity regularly and in no case their function should be stopped. The disinfection units installed at all STPs shall also operate properly and treated sewage shall meet the prescribed sewage discharge norms.
5. UKPCB shall also direct concerned District Administration that no black liquor/spent wash/coloured effluent shall be transported through tankers. In case of illegal discharge through tankers immediate FIR should be lodged and prosecution launched.
6. UKPCB shall enforce regulatory measures for control of pollution so that bathing water quality is maintained in river Ganga, particularly at Prayagraj, during Magh Mela, 2021.

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

*o/c*  
*Shiv Das Meena*  
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**Chairman**

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3. District Magistrate river Ramganga front  
Districts (Udham Singh Nagar & Nainital)
4. The Director General,  
National Mission for Clean Ganga,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium,  
India Gate, New Delhi - 110 002
5. The Joint Secretary (CP Division),  
Ministry of Environment & Forests,  
Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex,  
Lodi Road, New Delhi - 110 003
6. The Regional Directorate (North),  
Central Pollution Control Board,  
PICUP Bhawan, Ground Floor, Vibhuti Khand,  
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8. Master copy, WQM-II, CPCB

: To take necessary action to effectively control all polluting sources contributing impact on water quality of river Ganga at Prayagraj.

*Prashant Gargava*  
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**Member Secretary**

**Annexure-I**

**Monitoring schedule of river Dhela, Kosi and Ramganga**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the River</b>	<b>Monitoring location</b>	<b>Frequency of sampling and agency</b>
1.	Dhela	At Faridnagar, Thakurdwara, (U. P.)	Daily (UKPCB) Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB)
		Near Bhojpur Bridge, U. P.	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB, UPPCB and UKPCB)
2.	Kosi	a/c of river Bahela and b/c Rampur drain	Daily (UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB, UPPCB and UKPCB)
		a/c of Rampur drain and b/c river Ramganga	Fortnightly by UPPCB
3.	Ramganga	b/c river Dhela at Agwanpur (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB and UPPCB)
		a/c of river Dhela at Katghar (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB and UPPCB)
		a/c of river Kosi at Shahbad (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB and UPPCB)

**Monitoring schedule of Pachhana drain, Dhandi drain and Rampur drain**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Drain</b>	<b>Monitoring location</b>	<b>Frequency of sampling and agency</b>
1.	Pachhana drain	Near Suryapratap Pipe Industry, Kashipur (U.K.)	Daily (UKPCB)
2.	Dhandi drain	At Dhandi bridge, Moradabad-Kashipur road (U.P.)	Daily (UKPCB)
3.	Rampur drain	b/c to river Kosi at Ajeetpur (U.P.)	Daily (UPPCB) Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB)