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To

The Chairman,  
West Bengal State Pollution Control Board,  
Paribesh Bhavan, 10A, Block-L.A.,  
Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Kolkata,  
West Bengal - 700 098

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL INSPECTION REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED BY CPCB AUTHORIZED TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Board, has delegated powers vested under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board vide its resolution made on 133<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting item no. 3.12 dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 to issue direction under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to State Board; and

**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), 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 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 Central Government has notified standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from industries and common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under, 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) more stringent than those notified by the Central Government, under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, Chemical (Pharmaceuticals, Organic, Inorganic, Fertilizers, Refinery and Pesticides), Distillery, Sugar, Pulp & Paper, Textile, Dying, Bleaching, Slaughter House,

Tannery, Food & Dairy and Others categories of industry located in states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal have been discharging effluent directly or indirectly into the river Ganga through drains or tributaries, which cause adverse effect on the water quality of river Ganga and its tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Government has constituted the National Mission for Clean Ganga for taking measures for effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting chaired by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister regarding "Clean Ganga Mission" on 04/11/2017, it was decided that inspection of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) should be made an annual exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, second round of inspections was completed during April-July 2018 and inspection reports were processed by concerned SPCBs as submitted by technical institutes and actions were taken against defaulting units;

**WHEREAS**, a meeting was held on April 10, 2019 with officials of CPCB, NMCG, SPCBs and 19 technical institutions wherein the following decisions were taken:

- i. Technical institutions shall be engaged for carrying out the compliance verification of the grossly polluting industries located in the main stem of river Ganga and its tributaries w.r.t. notified norms and consent conditions.
- ii. Concerned SPCBs and SMCGs shall nominate a nodal officer who will coordinate with technical institutions for participation in joint inspection.
- iii. Technical institutions shall inform their inspection schedule one week before to Nodal Officer SPCBs/SMCGs and NMCG and it will be sole responsibility of nodal officers of SPCBs/SMCGs to ensure participation of their officials in the inspection.
- iv. Regarding analysis of samples, preference shall be given to laboratories recognized under E(P)A & Water Act. In case of unavailability, institute having adequate laboratory set-up, may use their own lab for sample analysis.
- v. All inspection report shall be forwarded to concerned SPCBs within 15 days of inspection by the technical institutions.
- vi. Dry inspection reports shall be prepared at site during industry visit and will be signed by all participating officials including officials from SPCBs/SMCGs. Signing of inspection reports shall be responsibility of the participating officials.
- vii. SPCBs shall process inspection reports and shall issue appropriate directions to industries in case of non-compliance within 30 days of receipt of inspection reports. In case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days.
- viii. SPCBs shall issue closure directions to units which were found temporary/permanent closed during third party inspections.
- ix. Concerned SPCBs shall take appropriate action within 15 days. Action will be uploaded on CPCB Portal as well. SPCBs will ensure follow up actions on Show cause notices within one month.
- x. Concerned SPCBs shall submit a tabulated weekly report on reports processed and action taken during last week on every Monday.

**AND WHEREAS,** Central Pollution Control Board vide letter dated April 24, 2019 issued sanction order to authorize the following technical institutions for carrying out inspection of GPIs during April-July, 2019:

- 1 Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D)
- 2 Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R), Uttarakhand
- 3 Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-Kgp), West Bengal
- 4 Indian Institute of Technology - BHU, Varanasi (IIT-BHU), Uttar Pradesh
- 5 National Institute of Technology, Patna (NIT-P), Bihar
- 6 Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad (MNNIT), Uttar Pradesh
- 7 Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 8 Pollution Control Research Institute, BHEL, Haridwar (PCRI-BHEL), Uttarakhand
- 9 JadHAVpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal
- 10 Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (AMU), Uttar Pradesh
- 11 Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi (JMI)
- 12 Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 13 National Sugar Institute, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- 14 National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Delhi
- 15 G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand
- 16 CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow
- 17 Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

**WHEREAS,** it has been observed that though 46 GPIs have been inspected in West Bengal till 21.07.2019 and 09 inspection reports are made available to WBPCB by technical institutes. However, these inspection reports are still pending for processing and action taken at the end of WBPCB; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in view of above observations and in exercise of the power conferred under section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, you are hereby directed to take appropriate measures for compliance of following:

1. The concerned nodal officer of WBPCB shall coordinate with technical institutions and nominate concerned officials from SPCB to participate in the joint inspection.
2. The concerned WBPCB officials participating in the joint inspection will ensure to sign inspection reports at the inspection site.
3. All the samples shall be analyzed by environmental laboratories recognized under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or Water Act, 1974 preferably. In case of unavailability, institute having adequate laboratory set up, may use their own laboratories for sample analysis.

4. In case samples are being analyzed by WBPCB labs, sample results shall be provided to the institutions within 15 days of samples being made available to labs.
5. WBPCB shall submit a tabulated weekly report on reports processed and action taken during last week on every Monday.
6. WBPCB shall process inspection reports of inspections carried out either jointly or by technical institutions and take appropriate action within 15 days. Action will be uploaded on CPCB Portal as well.
7. WBPCB shall issue appropriate directions in case of non-compliance within 30 days. Further in case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days. SPCBs will ensure follow up actions on Show cause notices within one month.
8. WBPCB shall issue closure directions to units which were found temporary/permanent closed during third party inspections.
9. The information of action taken on inspection reports along with a copy of directions shall be submitted through the web portal developed by CPCB for this purpose.

The action taken by WBPCB shall be intimated to CPCB within 15 days of receipt of this direction.

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(S.P.S. Parihar)  
CHAIRMAN

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