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To,

Chairman,  
Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board,  
Gaura Devi Bhawan, 46 B, IT Park Sahastradhara,  
Dehradun – 248 001, Uttarakhand

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING MAGH MELA, 2024**

**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 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 water 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 15<sup>th</sup> January - 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024;

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**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 pollution control measures and also direct concerned authorities/industries for ensuring pollution free condition of river Ganga at Prayagraj during Magh Mela, 2024:

1. UKPCB shall take immediate necessary action to effectively control all polluting sources having potential to adversely impact the water quality of river Ganga at Prayagraj.
2. UKPCB shall arrange the monitoring of water quality of tributaries of River Ramganga (Dhela, Kosi, and Bahela) and adjoining drains on daily/weekly basis and coordinate with UPPCB for joint monitoring as per the monitoring plan enclosed at Annexure-I.
3. UKPCB shall direct to authorities/agencies 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.
4. UKPCB shall direct to concerned authorities to ensure proper functioning of pumping stations so that untreated sewage should not be discharged through tapped drains in to river Ganga and its tributaries.
5. UKPCB shall also upload the monitoring data on the website and submit analysis report to CPCB on daily basis (Email: mscb.cpcb@nic.in, ngrba.cpcb@nic.in, wq.ngrba@gmail.com).
6. 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/partially treated effluent, into any tributary and its drain so that river Ganga does not receive any coloured/untreated/partially treated effluent which will affect its quality at Prayagraj.
7. 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.
8. 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, 2024.

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.

  
(Bharat Kumar Sharma)  
Member Secretary

**Copy to:**

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: To ensure proper O&M of STPs  
and to take necessary measures to  
effectively control trade  
effluent/sewage causing adverse  
impact on water quality of river  
Ganga at Prayagraj, please.
3. **Chief General Manager,**  
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7. **DH, IT Division, CPCB**  
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**(Bharat Kumar Sharma)**  
**Member Secretary**

**Annexure-I**

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

S. No.	Name of the River	Monitoring location	Frequency of sampling and agency	Parameters
1.	Dhela	At Faridnagar, Thakurdwara, (U. P.)	Daily (UKPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS
			Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS
		Near Bhojpur Bridge, U. P.	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS
2.	Kosi	a/c of river Bahela and b/c Rampur drain	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS
3.	Bahela	b/c to river Kosi at Rajpura Tanda	Weekly (UKPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS

\* Weekly monitoring of BOD & COD at all above mentioned locations by concerned monitoring agency.

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

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

**Note:** Proposed monitoring should be started at least 10 days before the start of Magh Mela.