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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT OF INDIA

F. No.: PJ-14099/14/2024-WQM-II-HO-CPCB-HO

Date: 25 Nov, 2024

To,

Member Secretary,  
Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board,  
Gaura Devi Bhawan,  
46 B IT Park Sahasradhara,  
Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248001

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING MAHA KUMBH, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Maha Kumbh, 2025, an important religious congregation, is scheduled to be held in Prayagraj from January 13 to February 26, 2025. This religious ritual involves a holy dip (bathing) in the Ganga River, and therefore, the water quality of river Ganga should be maintained according to the notified Outdoor Bathing Water Quality Standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad, during the hearing of PIL No. 4003/2006, River Ganga Pollution vs. State of UP and Ors, issued orders to maintain adequate flow in the River Ganga and keeping it pollution free. PIL No. 4003/2006 was transferred to the Hon'ble NGT by an order dated 21.07.2023, where the Hon'ble NGT is currently hearing O.A. No. 515/2023, River Ganga Pollution vs. State of UP and Ors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Member Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), vide letter dated 23.10.2024, has forwarded a roster in which industries located in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand are advised to operate either on Zero Liquid Discharge or on dry process; and

**WHEREAS**, UPPCB vide letter dated 23.10.2024, requested Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to plan joint monitoring of river Kosi, Dhela and Ramganga by CPCB, UPPCB and Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board (UKPCB) during Maha Kumbh to ensure water quality of river Ganga as per Outdoor Bathing Water Quality Standards;

**AND NOW THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, 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 Maha Kumbh, 2025:

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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. Industrial Pollution Control:
  - i. UKPCB should enforce roster for operation of water polluting industries in the catchment of river Ramganga and their tributaries/sub-tributaries.
  - ii. UKPCB shall setup surveillance squad for grossly polluting industries/CETPs for compliance check on weekly basis and ensure that no industry/CETP disposes untreated/partially treated effluent, into any drain/tributary/river Ganga so that river Ganga does not receive any coloured/untreated/partially treated effluent which will effects its quality at Prayagraj.
  - iii. 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 be launched.
3. Drain monitoring and remediation of wastewater
  - i. UKPCB shall ensure regular monitoring of untapped drain falling in river Ganga & its tributaries/sub-tributaries.
  - ii. UKPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to ensure stoppage of overflow from tapped drains.
4. STP Monitoring and wastewater treatment
  - i. UKPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to ensure proper functioning of pumping stations so that untreated sewage should not be discharged through tapped drains.
  - ii. UKPCB shall direct the concerned agencies to take necessary measures so that STPs shall operate to their maximum designed capacity regularly and in no case their operation should be stopped. The disinfection units installed at all STPs shall also operate properly and treated sewage shall meet the prescribed sewage discharge norms.
  - iii. UKPCB shall monitor the performance of STPs on regular basis.
5. River Water Quality
  - i. UKPCB shall arrange monitoring of water quality of River Dhela, Bahela and Kosi and adjoining drains at least on daily/weekly basis as per the monitoring plan enclosed at Annexure-I and coordinate with UPPCB for joint monitoring.
  - ii. UKPCB shall ensure no dumping of solid waste in flood plain zone of river Ganga.

6. UKPCB shall upload the monitoring data on web-portal as well as forward the same to CPCB on daily basis (Email: msob.cpcb@nic.in, vidyarthi.cpcb@nic.in, wq.ngrba@gmail.com). Monitoring shall commence from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.
7. UKPCB shall enforce regulatory measures for control of pollution so that bathing water quality is maintained in river Ganga, particularly at Prayagraj, during Maha Kumbh, 2025.

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 discharge of trade  
effluent causing adverse  
impact on water quality of  
river Ganga at Prayagraj,  
please.
5. **Chief General Manager,**  
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## 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) Weekly (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	pH, Color, DO, Conductivity/TDS /TDS
		Near Bhojpur Bridge, U. P.	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	
2.	Kosi	a/c of river Bahela and b/c Rampur drain	Daily (Jointly by UPPCB and UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	
3.	Bahela	b/c to river Kosi at Rajpura Tanda	Weekly (UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	

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

## Monitoring schedule of Pachhana drain and Dhandi 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) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	pH, Color, BOD, COD, TDS, TSS
2.	Dhandi drain	At Dhandi bridge, Moradabad-Kashipur road (U.P.)	Daily (UKPCB) Fortnightly (Jointly by CPCB)	pH, Color, BOD, COD, TDS, TSS

**Note:** Proposed monitoring should be commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2024.