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To

The Member Secretary
Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board
Paryavas Bhavan, North Block, Sector-19
Atal Nagar Dist-Raipur (C.G.)-492002, Chhattisgarh

Sub.: Directions Issued under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in the matter of pollution caused by M/s 9 M India Ltd, Paraswani Road NH- 06, Village Birkoni, Mahasamund Chhattisgarh- 493445 – reg.

WHEREAS, under section 17 sub-section (1) clause (o) of the Water Act, 1974, and with parallel provision under section 17 sub-section (1) clause (i) of the air (Prevention & control of pollution) Act, 1981, hereinafter referred to as Air Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB) constituted under the Water Act, 1974, is to perform such functions as may be prescribed or as may, from time to time entrusted to it by the Central Board; and

WHEREAS, the Central Government has notified the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed thereunder; and

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical (formulation) company, M/s 9 M India Ltd, Paraswani Road NH- 06, Village Birkoni, Mahasamund, Chhattisgarh (herein after referred to as the Unit) was randomly selected for surprise inspection of industries based on SMS alerts; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by a team of official(s) from Central Pollution Control Board, Regional Directorate, Bhopal on August 23, 2024 to assess the adequacy of the existing pollution control measures and observed the following shortcomings:

1. The Unit has not provided OCEMS connectivity for the flow-meters and PTZ camera connectivity with CPCB's server as per CTO conditions issued by the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB), as it is a ZLD Unit.
2. The CTO issued by CECB has not included effluent standards, quantity of water consumption under different head and wastewater generation from ETP and STP.
3. The Unit has been operating without obtaining authorization under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 from CECB.
4. The Unit is using treated effluent for gardening in the name of ZLD, which is violation of consent conditions.


5. RO reject is evaporated in solar pond which is violation of condition of consent to operate issued by CECB.
6. The Unit has not installed flow meters at inlet and outlet of the STP as per the CTO issued by CECB.
7. The Unit has stored approx. 90 to 100 kg of chemical sludge of ETP (Cat 35.3) and also not quantified used oil (Cat 5.1) generated or stored in the facility. It has not maintained record w.r.t. hazardous waste.
8. The details of generation and disposal of date-expired products (Cat 28.5) is not quantified by the Unit as per the Hazardous & Other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

WHEREAS, The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification G.S.R. 541(E) dated 06.08.2021 notified effluent and emission discharge standards for Pharmaceutical (Bulk Drug and Formulation) company in the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the basis of observations and recommendations of inspection team and in exercise of the power conferred under 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board is directed herewith to ensure that:

1. The Unit shall provide connectivity of flow-meters at the ETP and PTZ camera with CPCB server as per CPCB's Guidelines for Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems.
2. Consent to Operate (CTO) to the Unit shall be amended by stipulating emission and effluent standards, quantity of water consumption and waste water generation from ETP and STP.
3. The Unit shall obtain authorization under Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and shall maintain records of hazardous waste including date-expired products (Cat 28.5). The Unit shall dispose the hazardous waste as per the rules.
4. The Unit shall reuse total treated effluent in the process and utility purpose to ensure ZLD conditions stipulated in the CTO.
5. The Unit shall ensure that RO rejects is not discharged into the solar pond or in a surface water body and same shall be disposed as per the authorization under Hazardous & Other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
6. The Unit shall install flow meters at inlet and outlet of the STP as per the CTO issued by CECB.
7. The CECB shall examine and impose Environmental Compensation(EC) on the Unit, for the periods, operating without obtaining hazardous authorization in accordance with the Hazardous & Other Waste (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

The compliance of above direction shall be submitted to this office within 30 days of the receipt of the directions.


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