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13.12.2021  
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To,

<As per list (SPCBs)>

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

**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)/Pollution Control Committee (PCC), constituted under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control and abatement of pollution of streams and wells located in the State /UT and to secure the execution thereof; 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 there under; and

**WHEREAS**, SPCBs/PCCs can stipulate stringent standards than those notified by the Central Government for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, Hon'ble NGT passed order dated 21.09.2021 in O.A. No. 71/2021, in the matter of Chandra Shekhar Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh for compliance by SPCBs. The verbatim of the relevant para of the order are as under:

*"...157 We are further of the opinion that following directions are necessary for ensuring compliance of environmental norms by the units -*

- i.) All the Units must ensure continuous running of ETPs even during the non-crushing season for the adequate maintenance of required bio-mass so that the ETP is able to take the load/shock when it receives the pollution load/effluent at the start of the crushing season.*
- ii.) All the Units in question must provide for separate Energy Meter for entire ETP setup including its accessory units with data logging facility which shall be inspected by UPPCB and CPCB from time to time.*
- iii.) UPPCB must ensure Interlocking of Pollution Control Devices with production processes (one way but not vice-versa) so as to ensure that whenever ETPs/PCDs are intentionally closed, the production also comes to halt.*
- iv.) Regular inspections should be carried out by the statutory authorities in both halves of the crushing season and also at least once in non-crushing season.*
- v.) Since the -- Unit falls in the critical zone with respect to ground water withdrawal, an assessment of water recharge needs to be carried out by CGWA or UPGWB before issuance of NOC*

*The Statutory Authorities are directed to ensure the above directions strictly so that industries may run without causing damage or loss to the environment as well as to the local inhabitants and farmers residing nearby the Units "*

*7. We further direct CPCB and State PCB to issue appropriate directions to all similarly placed units for compliance of above directions "*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in compliance to Hon'ble NGT order dated 21.09.2021 in O.A. No 71/2021, in the matter of Chandra Shekhar Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, you are hereby directed to issue appropriate directions to all sugar mills operating in your state for compliance of above mentioned directions as passed by Hon'ble NGT. Action taken report may be forwarded to CPCB within 30 days of receipt of the direction.

  
(TANMAY KUMAR)  
CHAIRMAN

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