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**File No. A-14011/(OA-111/2020)/2022-WQM-I**

**22.03.2022**

**To**

The Chairman,  
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board,  
Parisara Bhawan, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Floors, Church Street,  
Bengaluru -- 560 001, Karnataka.

**Sub: Directions under Section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 in the matter of O.A No. 111 of 2020 (SZ) regarding 'Frothing of Chemical Foam in River Thenpennai'**

**WHEREAS**, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board including Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is to plan a comprehensive programme for the Prevention, Control or Abatement of Pollution of streams and wells in the state and to secure the execution thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, in the matter of O.A No. 111 of 2020, a suo moto case registered based on a News article dated 13.07.2020 published on "Frothing of Chemical Foam in River Thenpennai", the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) vide Order dated 28.06.2021 disposed of the case and issued directions that,

- i. The concerned Departments mentioned in the Joint Committee report shall implement the directions issued by the Joint Committee, so as to resolve the issue permanently within a time frame.
- ii. The Chairman, Karnataka Pollution Control Board shall monitor implementation of the recommendations made by the Joint Committee by the respective Departments and also assess the improvement of water quality of River Thenpennai in the respective areas and if any, further action is to be taken.
- iii. The Chairman, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to file periodical progress report to the Tribunal, once in three months along with the water quality analysis so as to ascertain the improvement caused on account of the implementation of the recommendations made by the respective departments and if they found any gap in spite of the implementation of the recommendations, also directed to submit further remedial measures to be taken by the respective department to resolve the issue permanently when filing the progress report, once in three months.

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