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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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To

The Chairman,  
West Bengal Pollution Control Board,  
Paribesh Bhavan, 10A, Block-L.A., Sector III,  
Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata - 700 106

**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) (b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1974 REGARDING PROCESSING OF INDUSTRIAL INSPECTION REPORTS OF INSPECTIONS BY CPCB AUTHORIZED TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Pollution Control Board has delegated powers vested under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board vide its resolution made on 133<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting item no. 3.12 dated 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 to issue direction under Section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to State Board; and

**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), 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 functions 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 and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs / PCCs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Government has notified standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from industries and Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, the SPCBs and PCCs are empowered to stipulate standards for discharge of environmental pollutants for various categories of industries and CETPs more stringent than those notified by the Central Government, under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) are defined as industrial units having potential to discharge 100 kg/day BOD load and/or handling hazardous chemicals as specified in Manufacturing, Import and Storage of Hazardous Chemicals Rules 1989 and as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Chemical (Pharmaceuticals, Organic, Inorganic, Fertilizers, Refinery and Pesticides), Distillery, Sugar, Pulp & Paper, Textile, Dying, Bleaching, Slaughter House, Tannery, Food & Dairy and Others categories of industry located in states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana and West Bengal have been identified as GPIs having potential to discharge effluent directly or indirectly into the rivers Ganga & Yamuna through drains or tributaries, which cause adverse effect on the water quality of these rivers and their tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Central Government has constituted the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) for taking measures for effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been decided that inspection of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) should be made an annual exercise; and

**WHEREAS**, a meeting was held on October 01, 2021 with officials of CPCB, NMCG, SPCBs, SMCGs and technical institutions to discuss modalities of annual inspection of GPIs wherein the following decisions were taken:

- i. Technical institutions shall be engaged for carrying out the compliance verification of the GPIs located in the basin of rivers Ganga & Yamuna and their tributaries w.r.t. notified norms and consent conditions.
- ii. Concerned SPCBs and SMCGs/DGCs shall nominate a nodal officer who will coordinate with technical institutions for participation in joint inspection. SPCBs shall attach one officer with each technical institute to facilitate the surprise inspection.
- iii. Concerned SPCBs shall nominate officer of rank of Scientist B or above to participate in inspections.
- iv. Closure directions shall be issued by SPCBs to temporary closed units except seasonal and already intimated units. After consideration of re-opening request, unit shall be re-inspected by joint team consisting of technical institutes.
- v. If technical institutes are not allowed to enter in industries, SPCBs shall issue closure direction and random inspection of such units shall be carried out by technical institutes/SPCB officials.
- vi. In case of non-compliance, SPCBs shall issue directions within 15 days of receipt of inspection reports. Further in case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days. Follow up inspections of show cause notices shall be carried out by SPCB officials.
- vii. SPCBs shall follow the guidelines prepared by CPCB for initiating action, based on the inspection reports of the technical institutes, as well as for revocation of closure directions.
- viii. SPCBs shall take appropriate action within 15 days. Action will be uploaded on CPCB Portal as well. SPCBs will complete follow up actions on Show cause

notices within one month, including issuance of closure directions in case of non-compliance.

- ix. Concerned SPCBs shall provide the complete list of GPIs in their state. If any additional GPI is found after finalization of list, environmental compensation shall be levied against concerned SPCB.

**AND WHEREAS**, Central Pollution Control Board vide letter dated December 06, 2021, December 29, 2021 and February 21, 2022 issued sanction order to authorize the following 24 technical institutions for carrying out inspection of GPIs during December 2021 - March 2022:

1	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D)
2	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee (IIT-R), Uttarakhand
3	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-Kgp), West Bengal
4	Indian Institute of Technology - BHU, Varanasi (IIT-BHU), Uttar Pradesh
5	National Institute of Technology, Patna (NIT-P), Bihar
6	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad (MNNIT), Uttar Pradesh
7	Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh
8	Jadhavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal
9	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (AMU), Uttar Pradesh
10	Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi (JMI)
11	Harcourt Butler Technical University (HBTU), Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
12	National Sugar Institute, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
13	National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Delhi
14	CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research, Lucknow
15	Muzaffarpur Institute of Technology, Muzaffarpur, Bihar
16	Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune
17	Pollution Control Research Institute, Haridwar
18	Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur
19	CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute
20	National Institute of Technology Durgapur
21	ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
22	Central University of South Bihar, Gaya
23	Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi
24	Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi

**AND WHEREAS**, the inspection of GPIs commenced w.e.f. December 10, 2021 and completed on April 13, 2022. Out of 55 GPIs in West Bengal, reports of 48 GPIs have been made available to WBPCB through web-portal. Out of 48 reports available with

WBPCB, till date action is initiated against only 42 GPIs and action against 06 GPIs are still pending. The progress in initiation of actions by WBPCB, based on reports provided by technical institutes is slow; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in view of above observations and in exercise of the power conferred under section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, you are hereby directed to take appropriate measures for compliance of the following:

1. WBPCB shall follow the guidelines prepared by CPCB for issuance & revocation of directions based on industrial inspections (*Annexure-1*).
2. WBPCB shall take appropriate action within 15 days of receipt of inspection report. Action to be uploaded on CPCB GPI portal (<https://frontend.gangagpis.in/>).
3. In case of by-pass of effluent/non-operational ETP/non-cooperation by industries, closure direction including levying environmental compensation shall be issued to those units where action is yet not taken. Unit shall also be directed to submit the action plan to curb the pollution and adequacy assessment report of their effluent treatment plant (ETP) and same may be forwarded to CPCB within 30 days.
4. Follow up actions on Show cause notices to be completed within one month, including issuance of closure directions in case of non-compliance.
5. In case of non-compliance, WBPCB shall issue directions within 15 days of receipt of inspection reports. Further in case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days. Follow up inspections of show cause notices shall be carried out by WBPCB officials.
6. Closure directions shall be issued by WBPCB to temporary closed units except seasonal and already intimated units. After consideration of re-opening request, unit shall be re-inspected by joint team consisting of technical institutes.
7. If technical institutes not allowed to enter in industries, WBPCB shall issue closure direction including levying of environmental compensation. The compliance verification of such units shall be carried out by technical institutes/ WBPCB officials after request for revocation from the unit.
8. Concerned WBPCB officials participating in the joint inspection shall sign inspection reports at the inspection site.
9. In case samples are being analyzed by WBPCB labs, sample results shall be provided to the institutions within 15 days of samples being made available to labs.
10. WBPCB shall submit a tabulated weekly report on status of inspection reports processed and action taken on weekly basis for preceding week on every Monday.

The action taken by WBPCB shall be intimated to CPCB within 15 days of receipt of this direction.

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(Naresh Pal Gangwar)  
CHAIRMAN

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| 2. Joint Secretary (CP Division),<br>Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate<br>Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,<br>Jorbagh Road,<br>New Delhi - 110013                    | : for kind information please   |
| 3. Regional Director,<br>Regional Directorate (East),<br>'South end Conclave' Block-502,<br>5th & 6th Floor,<br>1582, Razidanga, Main Road,<br>Kolkata-700107                  | : for kind information and to<br>ensure compliance of the<br>direction please |
| 4. Incharge, IT Division, CPCB   | : for uploading on CPCB website   |
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(Prashant Gargava)  
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