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March 27, 2023

To

The Member Secretary
All SPCBs/PCCs
(List Attached)

10.083-10127

Sub: Directions under Section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding ban on manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha or thread used for kite flying which is made of nylon or any synthetic material and/or coated with synthetic substance and is non-biodegradable

WHEREAS, 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 and 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, under section 17 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB)/ Pollution Control Committee (PCC), constituted under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control and abatement of Air pollution in the State/UT and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its order dated 11.07.2017, in the matter of Execution Application No. 06/2020 in OA No. 384/2016: Khalid Ashraf Vs. UOI, directed that "...there shall be total ban on the Manjha or thread for kite flying which is made of nylon or any synthetic material and/or coated with synthetic substance and is non-biodegradable. All the Chief Secretaries of all the States/UTs are directed to enforce the prohibition of manufacture and use of synthetic manjha/nylon thread for kite flying throughout their state / territories. The respondents are directed to ban import of any synthetic manjha/nylon thread or similar thread coated with synthetic substances, in any part of the country.."

WHEREAS, NGT, Principal Bench, New Delhi vide its order dated 21.01.2020 while hearing the matter w.r.t. allegation of non-enforcement of the directions by States, for the prohibition of manufacture and use of synthetic manjha/nylon thread for kite flying, directed "CPCB to ascertain the status of compliance of said directions from all the States/UTs and furnish a consolidated report to this tribunal."

WHEREAS, in compliance of direction of Hon'ble NGT order dated 21.01.2020 CPCB submitted the consolidated status reports received from States/UTs before the Hon'ble NGT on 04.08.2020.

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide its letter dated 23.02.2023 in the matter of accidents/ injuries caused by the use of Chinese Manjha for Kite flying has requested for taking appropriate action and to direct all SPCBs/PCCs for prohibition of manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha for Kite flying.

NOW, THEREFORE, in compliance of Hon'ble NGT order and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974 **and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981**, following directions are issued herewith:

- 1) to prohibit the manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha/nylon/ synthetic material/ glass coated thread used for kite flying;
- 2) to ensure that existing units with valid CTO shall not manufacture or produce Chinese Manjha/nylon/synthetic/glass-coated thread for kite flying.
- 3) to ensure submission of Annual Self-declaration statement by "Synthetic fibre including rayon, tyre cord, polyester filament yarn" manufacturing units that they are supplying their product only to valid users and not to any entity involved in manufacturing Chinese manjha/nylon/ synthetic material/ glass coated thread for kite flying.
- 4) to give wide publicity about ban on manufacture, sale, storage, purchase and use of Chinese Manjha/nylon/ synthetic material/ glass coated thread used for kite flying through local newspaper/media etc

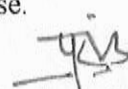
All SPCBs/PCCs shall submit the compliance report to this office within 30 days from the date of receipt of the directions.

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(Prashant Gargava)
Member Secretary

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- 1 The Additional Secretary : For information, please.
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- 2 All Regional Directors : With a request to follow-up
with the concerned SPCBs/
PCCs for compliance
- 3 The Divisional Head, IT Division, CPCB : For uploading on CPCB web
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