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The General Manager,
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Bihar State Power Generation Co. Ltd,
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Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system- Revocation thereof.

WHEREAS, the thermal power plants are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries in the country and have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, which pose constant threat to cause adverse effect on the air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, there is need to inculcate habit of self-monitoring mechanism within the industries for complying the prescribed standards and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent and emission monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, for strengthening the monitoring and compliance through self-regulatory mechanism, online emission and effluent monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the developers and the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, directions under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 were issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for installation of online emission monitoring systems w.r.t PM, SO₂ & NO_x parameters & online effluent monitoring system for pH, TSS, & Temperature parameters in thermal power plants; and

WHEREAS, it is presumed that concerned SPCB/PCC has also in-turn issued direction under section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station, Barauni, Begusarai, Bihar to install the online effluent and emission monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 a notice was served on July 21, 2015 to show cause as to why the plant should not be closed down, if the plant has not complied fully with directions issued w.r.t installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and the plant was further directed to submit documentary evidence regarding status of installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring

system and connectivity for submission of online 24x7 monitoring data to SPCBs and CPCB; and

WHEREAS, under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a closure direction was issued on 26.04.2017 to M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station, Barauni, Begusarai, Bihar (Unit- 6 & 7) due to non-compliance of the directions issued vide dated July 21, 2015.

WHEREAS, M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station, vide letter dated 12.02.2018 has informed that connectivity of online monitoring system has been provided to CPCB server and successfully fulfilled the compliance of the directions issued on 26.04.2017.

WHEREAS, M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station has submitted the self-certificate of compliance of the directions. The connectivity of online monitoring system has been got verified by the IT division of Central Pollution Control Board.

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on 28.02.2018 where a three-membered committee constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure direction issued by CPCB and in view of the above, committee recommended that the closure direction issued to M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station may be revoked subject to the condition that M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station shall operate with a valid consent from BSPCB and submit analysis report from EPA recognised lab.

WHEREAS, M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station has also submitted that its Consent to Operate (CTO) issued by Bihar State Pollution Control Board (BSPCB) has expired on 31.12.2011 and the industry has applied for the renewal of CTO to MPCB vide dated 21.07.2017, which is not yet been granted by BSPCB.

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, vide Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated 10.07.2002, has delegated the powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, to issue directions to any industry or any local body or any other authority for violations of the standards and rules notified under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and amendment thereof.

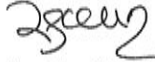
NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, closure direction issued on 26.04.2017 to M/s Barauni Thermal Power Station, Barauni, Begusarai, Bihar (Unit- 6 & 7) is hereby revoked subject to compliance of the conditions mentioned above.

However, any expansion of the existing project shall be intimated to CPCB and BSPCB and applicability and scope of the installation of OCEMS will be subjected to proposed expansion activities.


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