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To

The Unit Head
M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd,
Vill & PO: Dhulagori
PS-Sankrail
Distt-Howrah
West Bengal- 711313

Sub: Show Cause Notice under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

WHEREAS, the cement industries are identified as one of the 17 categories of highly polluting industries which have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air and water, having potential threat to cause adverse effect on the water and air quality; and

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change has notified emission norms for Particulate matter, SO₂ & NO_x vide GSR 612 (E) dated 25.08.2014; and amended it vide GSR 496 (E) dated 09.05.2016 for all cement industries and vide GSR 497 (E) dated 10.05.2016 for cement industries, carrying out co-processing of wastes in their cement kilns; and

WHEREAS, on request of cement industries, timeline was extended up-to March 31, 2017 to comply with the aforesaid notified emission standards; and

WHEREAS, the matter regarding reconsideration of notified standards was taken up by the Cement Manufacturers Association with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). In this context, it has been decided by MoEFCC that general extension shall not be granted and any extension regarding compliance shall be based on due assessment and submission of clear/specific road map for compliance with notified standards in a time bound manner. Accordingly, Directions under Section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued by MoEFCC to CPCB on 28.03.2017 to ensure implementation of notified environmental standards for cement industries; and

WHEREAS, you were reminded vide this office letter of even no. dated 30.03.2017 that new notified standards for cement industry have become effective from April 01, 2017 and you were directed to submit clear / specific time-bound action plan for compliance with new notified standards, before April 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, series of meetings were convened by Regional Directorates of CPCB with Cement industries and State Pollution Control Boards to expedite the submission of action plans and ensure compliance. Based on the inputs received, a standard format was developed to facilitate cement industries in submission of action plans in a precise & scientific manner and the same was circulated among cement manufacturers. Accordingly, all the cement industries were directed to submit the specific action plan as per the standard format before 30.04.2017; and

WHEREAS, copies of all such communications/directions were uploaded on the website of CPCB also from time to time and are available; and

WHEREAS, as per action plan dated 26.04.2017 submitted for implementation of revised norms, it has been claimed that the unit is already complying w.r.t. revised emission norms.

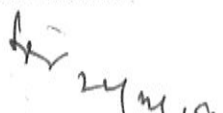
WHEREAS, M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd, Howrah WB was inspected on 19/01/2018 to investigate high SMS alert/Offline status and assess compliance of the environmental norms. The inspecting team made following observation:

1. During Source emission monitoring carried out for cement mill and coal mill stack and the PM emission was observed as 58 mg/Nm³; i.e. exceeding the revised emission norms (30 mg/Nm³). **Therefore, the unit needs to take corrective measures immediately to bring down PM emission.**

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 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 view of the above observations/recommendations and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd, Howrah WB is hereby directed to show cause as to why the unit should not be directed to close operation if the violation are not stopped immediately and source emission report from a Environment (Protection) Act recognized laboratory as documentary evidence of compliance is not submitted within 15 days and environmental compensation be not imposed in respect of the violations.


The industry shall submit reply & action taken report within 15 days from the date of issue of this Notice. In absence of the reply, it will be presumed that the industry has nothing to say in this regard and CPCB will be constrained to take action as deemed fit including prosecution under the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


(S.P. S. Parihar)
Chairman

M/s Ambuja Cement Ltd, Howrah West Bengal

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Member Secretary



