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The General Manager,  
Raichur Thermal Power Station  
Karnataka Power Corporation Limited.  
Shakthinagar, Dist Raichur - 584 170,  
Karnataka

**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, 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, SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> 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 Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS), Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, Shakthinagar, Karnataka to install the online effluent and emission monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, a team from Regional Directorate-South, Bengaluru carried out an inspection of M/s RTPS during 26-27.10.2017 to verify the compliance; and

WHEREAS, based on the observations made by the inspecting team from Regional Directorate, South (Bengaluru), vide letter no. B-33014/07/2018/IPC-II/TPP/17484 dated February 13, 2018, M/s RTPS, Shakthinagar, Karnataka was directed to show cause as to why your unit should not be closed for the shortcomings highlighted by the inspecting team and environmental compensation be not imposed in respect of the violations; and

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WHEREAS vide letter dated March 16, 2018, M/s RTPS had submitted its reply to show cause notice and informed that the connectivity of OCEMS for PM parameter will be completed soon after the maintenance and calibration of opacity meters.

WHEREAS, in view of the non-compliance of show cause notice dated 13.02.2018, a closure direction under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, was issued on 07.05.2018 to M/s RTPS, KPCL, Shakthinagar, Karnataka.

WHEREAS, M/s RTPS vide letter dated 31.05.2018 has informed that connectivity of online monitoring system has been provided to CPCB server.

WHEREAS, the connectivity of online monitoring system has been got verified by the IT division of Central Pollution Control Board on 13.06.2018.

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on 26.06.2018 where a three-membered committee constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure direction issued by CPCB, in view of the above, recommended that the closure direction issued to M/s RTPS may be revoked.

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 07.05.2018 to M/s Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS), Karnataka Power Corporation Limited, Shakthinagar, Karnataka is hereby revoked.

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

  
21/7/18  
(S.P.S. Parihar)  
Chairman  


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