



SPEED POST

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To,

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M/s Tamilnadu Cements Corporation Ltd.
Alangulam, via Rajapalayam
Virudhunagar Distt, Tamil Nadu-626127

Sub: Direction 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, vide letter/email dated 10.08.2017, M/s Tamilnadu Cements Corporation Ltd has informed a time period upto March, 2018 for compliance of revised emission norms of cement industries for PM, SO₂ and NO_x parameters.

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s Tamilnadu Cements Corporation Ltd is hereby directed to comply the revised emission norms of cement industries and confirm compliance achieving within the committed time as mentioned above (i.e. March, 2018), failing which, legal action including prosecution as per the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010/ Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be launched.



(S.P. Singh Parihar)

Chairman

 13/11/17

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