



SPEED POST

December 26, 2017

B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/ 15216
To

M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd,
Ambalamugal, Ernakulam District,
Kerala- 682302

Sub: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding.

WHEREAS, the Petrochemical 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, a show cause notice under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued on July 24, 2015 to the petrochemical units to show cause as to why the Unit should not be closed down if, the Unit has not complied fully with the directions issued w.r.t. installation of online emission & effluent monitoring system by June 30, 2015. Further it was directed to submit the documentary evidence regarding status of installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, the M/s Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd Ltd., Ambalamugal, Ernakulam District, Kerala-682302 (herein after referred as the Unit) has informed vide letter dated August 14, 2015 that the Unit installed Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) for pH and in process of installation of BOD, COD, TSS in the treated effluent outlet with connectivity to CPCB server will be completed by 31 December, 2015 and exempted from online stack monitoring by KSPCB vide consent No. PCB/HO/EKM/ICO-R/12/2012 dated 15/10/2012; and

WHEREAS, the Unit again informed by email dated October 27, 2015 that they have taken action for procuring and providing online data for BOD, COD & TSS in the treated effluent by December 2015; and

WHEREAS, an e-mail dated 03 February 2016 has been sent to the unit for providing connectivity of online monitoring system to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, An email dated February 16, 2017 sent to the unit to ensure installation and connectivity of Online monitoring system by February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide email dated June 20, 2017 informed that installation of OCEMS for BOD, COD, TSS & Flow is under process and commissioned by first week of July; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was issued to the Unit vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/7672 dated July 05, 2017 for the installation and non connectivity of OCEMS to the CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Unit informed email dated July 28, 2017 that they completed the installation of OCEMS along with online connectivity to the CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the connectivity of OCEMS for pH, BOD, COD, TSS and Flow was verified by IT division, CPCB on August 01, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Unit was inspected by RD, Bengaluru on September 19, 2017 to verify the status of Online Continuous Effluent Monitoring System (OCEMS) installation; and

WHEREAS, the Unit vide letter dated September 20, 2017 submitted the self certificate, valid CTO from KSPCB, registration form along with Hon'ble High Court, Kerala stay order dated July 14, 2017 and requested to revoke the closure direction; and

WHEREAS, the KSPCB vide letter dated December 11, 2017 submitted clarification w.r.t exemption of online emission monitoring system (OCEMS) for stack monitoring; and

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