



SPEED POST

B-29016/04/06/IPC-I/ 9288

August 06, 2018

To

M/s. Mehta API Pvt. Limited,
Gut No. 546,571,519,520, Village Kumbhavali,
Tarapur, Boisar, Tal. & Dist. Palghar-401404,
Maharashtra

Sub.: Directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding installation of on-line effluent and emission monitoring system

WHEREAS, Pharmaceutical units 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, the Central Government has notified the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from various categories of industries under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, there is need to inculcate habit of self-monitoring within the industries for complying with 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 source emission and effluent monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, a direction under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued on February 05, 2014 to all the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) for installation of online effluent monitoring system w.r.t. pH, BOD, COD, TSS, Chromium (Cr), and Arsenic (As) in Pharmaceutical industries; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/ representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs / PCCs, an extension of time up to June 30, 2015 for installation of online monitoring systems was granted vide direction dated March 02, 2015 under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; and

WHEREAS, a letter vide dated May 29, 2015 was issued by the Chairman CPCB to all the SPCBs/ PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and withdrawal of consent to operate along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying units; and

WHEREAS, concerned SPCB/ PCC issued directions under section 33A of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and section 31A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to install the online monitoring system by June 30, 2015 and to submit bank guarantee of 100% of the cost of online emission & effluent monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has held stakeholder consultations with industrial associations and SPCBs/PCCs on 06.08.2014, 19.09.2014, 29.09.2014, 08.10.2014, 16.10.2014, 09.01.2015, 08.04.2015 And 16.06.2015 regarding time bound implementations of installation of these devices; and

WHEREAS, as per the CPCB policy dated April 02, 2018 of new industries falling under 17-categories with whom CPCB has not made any prior communication regarding installation of Online Continuous Effluent/emission Monitoring System and not providing connectivity (after installation) of Online Continuous Effluent/emission Monitoring System with CPCB server, CPCB shall issue directions to all such units asking them to provide connectivity with CPCB server

within 30 days of issuing notice, failing which such industries shall be asked to close their operations; and

WHEREAS, the name of the Unit **M/s. Mehta API Pvt. Limited, Maharashtra** (herein after referred to as the Unit) obtained from the India E-Track site, online data connectivity of these units was verified by the IT division of the CPCB dated April 02, 2018 and found not connected with CPCB; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction (Show cause Notice) issued to the Unit vide letter no. B-29016/04/06/IPC-1/1029 dated April 13, 2018 to install and provide the connectivity of Online Continuous Monitoring system to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, no response to this notice was received from the Unit till date; and

WHEREAS, a closure direction issued to the Unit vide letter No. B-29016/04/06/IPC-1/2759 dated June 12, 2018 to install and provide the connectivity of Online Continuous Monitoring system to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the Unit submitted a reply vide letter dated July 11, 2018 that the Unit has installed OCEMS for parameters pH, BOD, COD, TSS & Flow and provided connectivity to CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the connectivity of the Unit has been verified from IT division dated July 16, 2018 and the OCEMS of the Unit found connected with CPCB; and

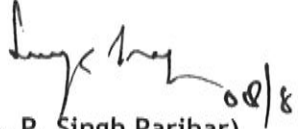

WHEREAS, the Unit has submitted the original self certificate vide letter dated July 11, 2018 that the Unit has closed its manufacturing operation w.e.f June 28, 2018 in response to CPCB closure direction dated June 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, CPCB constituted a Three-member committee vide office order dated 03.10.2017 having representative(s) from CPCB and MoEF&CC for examination and recommendation for revocation of the closure direction issued by CPCB; and

WHEREAS, the three member committee in its meeting held on 27.07.2018 examined the compliance report submitted by the Unit and recommended that the Unit may be allowed to resume operation; and

WHEREAS, the 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 to Chairman CPCB under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and in view of compliance with relevant direction under reference, the direction issued under the Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Unit (**M/s. Mehta API Pvt. Limited, Maharashtra**) vide letter dated June 12, 2018 is hereby revoked. In case of non-compliance by the Unit action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (P) Act, 1986 shall be taken.


(S. P. Singh Parihar) 08/8
Chairman


Copy to:

1. The Chairman
Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board
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Road No. 8, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Sion (E)
Mumbai - 400 022
2. The Chairman
MSEDCL Vidyut Bhavan Palghar
Manor Rd, Juna Palghar,
Palghar, Maharashtra 401404
:With request to restore industrial
electricity supply of the Unit.
3. The Advisor (CP Division)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Prithvi Wing, 2nd Floor, Room No. 216, Indira
Paryavaran Bhawan Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi - 110003
4. The Regional Directorate
Central Pollution Control Board
Parivesh Bhawan, Opp VMC Ward office no 10
Subhanpura, Vadodara - 390 023
5. The Incharge, IT, CPCB
6. The Incharge IPC-VI, CPCB


(Prashant Gargava)
Member Secretary