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To

The Unit Head
M/s Ramco Cements Ltd.,
Alathiyur works
PAC Ramaswamy Raja Nagar
Cement Nagar Post
Sendurai Taluk
Ariyalur, Tamilnadu

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 upto 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 industries with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and it was decided by MoEF&CC 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 on case to case basis. Accordingly, Directions under Section 3 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 have been issued by MoEF&CC to CPCB on 28.03.2017 to ensure implementation of notified environmental standards for cement industries; and

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

WHEREAS, several 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 plants. Accordingly, all the cement industries were directed to submit the specific action plan as per the standard format before 30.04.2017; and

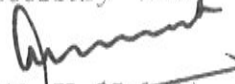
WHEREAS, as per action plan submitted for implementation of revised norms vide letter dated 27.04.2017, it has been claimed that M/s Ramco Cements Ltd., Alathiyur, TN is already complying revised emission norms.

WHEREAS, CPCB RD- Bhopal inspected M/s Ramco Cements Ltd., Alathiyur, TN, on 17-18.07.2018 to verify compliance of revised emission norms and the inspecting team made following observations/shortcomings:

- i. **During source emission monitoring, it was observed that PM emission norms from Cement Mill (36 mg/Nm³) is exceeding revised emission norms of 30 mg/Nm³. Therefore, the unit needs to take corrective measures to meet the norms.**
- ii. Consent of CPP was expired on 31.03.2018 for which the unit had applied to TN SPCB for renewal. The unit needs to follow up with TN SPCB for renewal of the Consent.
- iii. The port holes provided at cement mill-1 was not meeting the height requirement as per emission regulation part-III.
- iv. Common online measuring system was connected with the stacks of the kilns (I & II) in which measurement was being made 15 minutes at one stack and 15 minutes at another stack, alternatively. Therefore, the unit needs to install online measuring system separately for both stacks.

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;

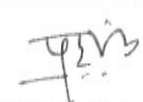
Now, THEREFORE, in view of the above observations/shortcomings and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, M/s Ramco Cements Ltd., Alathiyur, TN is hereby directed to take remedial measure to rectify above shortcomings and submit action taken report along with stack emission report from a Environment (Protection) Act recognized laboratory as documentary evidence within 15 days from the date of issue of this direction. In case of failure, the Board will be constrained to initiate action as deemed necessary and appropriate under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


(A. K. Mehta)
Chairman



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