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To

Member Secretary,  
Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution Control Board  
29/20, Nemi Road, Dehradun,  
Uttarakhand Pincode- 248001

**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986 REGARDING ACTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL INSPECTION REPORTS OF JOINT INSPECTIONS BY CPCB AUTHORIZED TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARDS**

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India, vide notification S.O. 157(E) of 27.02.1996 has delegated powers vested under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to issue direction to any industry, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Cantonment Board, any local or other Authority for the violation of emission and effluent standards notified among others, under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and other standards and norms; and

WHEREAS, CPCB in consultation with concerned State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) have inventorized Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) having potential to discharge effluent into river Ganga & its tributaries in five states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting chaired by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister regarding "Clean Ganga Mission" on 04/11/2017, it was decided that inspection of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) should be made an annual exercise; and

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on April 10, 2019 with officials of CPCB, NMCG, SPCBs and participating technical institutions for organizing annual inspection of GPIs wherein the following decisions were taken:

- i. Technical institutions shall be engaged for carrying out the compliance verification of the grossly polluting industries located in the main stem of river Ganga and its tributaries w.r.t. notified norms and consent conditions.
- ii. Concerned SPCBs and SMCGs shall nominate a nodal officer who will coordinate with technical institutions for participation in joint inspection.
- iii. Technical institutions shall inform their inspection schedule one week before to Nodal Officer SPCBs/SMCGs and NMCG and it will be sole responsibility of nodal officers of SPCBs/SMCGs to ensure participation of their officials in the inspection.

- iv. Regarding analysis of samples, preference shall be given to laboratories recognized under E(P)A & Water Act. In case of unavailability, institute having adequate laboratory set-up, may use their own lab for sample analysis.
- v. All inspection report shall be forwarded to concerned SPCBs within 15 days of inspection by the technical institutions.
- vi. Dry inspection reports shall be prepared at site during industry visit and will be signed by all participating officials including officials from SPCBs/SMCGs. Signing of inspection reports shall be responsibility of the participating officials.
- vii. SPCBs shall process inspection reports and shall issue appropriate directions to industries in case of non-compliance within 30 days of receipt of inspection reports. In case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days.
- viii. SPCBs shall issue closure directions to units which were found temporary/permanent closed during third party inspections.
- ix. Concerned SPCBs shall take appropriate action within 15 days. Action will be uploaded on CPCB Portal as well. SPCBs will ensure follow up actions on Show cause notices within one month.
- x. Concerned SPCBs shall submit a tabulated weekly report on reports processed and action taken during last week on every Monday.

AND WHEREAS, Central Pollution Control Board vide letter dated April 24, 2019 issued sanction order to authorize 16 technical institutions for carrying out inspection of GPIs during April-July, 2019; and

WHEREAS, it has been observed that till November 28, 2019, 49 GPIs in Uttarakhand have been inspected and all the 49 inspection reports are made available to UEPPCB by technical institutes; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide DO letter dated 13.04.2018 requested Chief Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand to ensure timely action in respect of GPI inspections; and

WHEREAS, CPCB issued directions dated 22.07.2019 under section 18 (1) (b) of Water Act, 1974 to concerned SPCBs to take appropriate measures for compliance of following:

1. The concerned nodal officer of SPCBs shall coordinate with CPCB authorized technical institutions and nominate concerned officials from SPCB to participate in the joint inspection.
2. The concerned SPCB officials participating in the joint inspection will ensure to sign inspection reports at the inspection site.
3. All the samples shall be analyzed by environmental laboratories recognized under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 or Water Act, 1974 preferably. In case of unavailability, institute having adequate laboratory set up, may use their own laboratories for sample analysis.
4. In case samples are being analyzed by SPCB labs, sample results shall be provided to the institutions within 15 days of samples being made available to labs.

5. SPCBs shall submit a tabulated weekly report on reports processed and action taken during last week on every Monday.
6. SPCBs shall process inspection reports of inspections carried out either jointly or by technical institutions and take appropriate action within 15 days. Action will be uploaded on CPCB Portal as well.
7. SPCBs shall issue appropriate directions in case of non-compliance within 30 days. Further in case of Show Cause Notices, the unit shall be re-inspected and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance within 30 days. SPCBs will ensure follow up actions on Show cause notices within one month.
8. SPCBs shall issue closure directions to units which were found temporary/permanent closed during third party inspections.
9. The information of action taken on inspection reports along with a copy of directions shall be submitted through the web portal developed by CPCB for this purpose.

**AND WHEREAS,** CPCB reviewed status of inspection reports and action taken reports by SPCBs in a video conference held on 21.08.2019 and following decisions were made:

1. BSPCB mentioned that as on date, 24 inspection reports have been received. BSPCB will ensure that all the inspection reports would be processed within a week and compliance status shall be updated on portal.
2. UPPCB mentioned that 34 reports have been processed and actions have been uploaded. UPPCB agreed to process all the remaining inspections within next 10 days.
3. WBPCB mentioned that 41 reports have been received as on date. All the reports have been processed. 11 GPIs have been found non-complying for which directions have been uploaded on portal. Remaining are complying units. WBPCB was assured to upload compliance status of remaining units on portal as well within a week.
4. JSPCB agreed to process all the reports within a week.
5. UEPPCB mentioned that as on date, 20 reports have been received and all reports have been processed. However, compliance status of GPIs will be updated on portal within one week.
6. As per decision made in the meeting held on 28.05.2019, BSPCB, WBPCB and JSPCB agreed that list of GPIs provided to CPCB is final and no tributary-sub tributary is missing. UPPCB and UEPPCB shall review list and provide comments by 23.08.2019.
7. All the SPCBs agreed to process remaining inspection reports and to upload compliance status on portal by 31st August, 2019.

**AND WHEREAS,** as on 25.11.2019, UEPPCB processed 47 inspection reports out of available 49 reports out of which 41 are complying; 05 temporary closed and 01 GPIs are non-complying; and

**WHEREAS,** out of 01 non-complying units, UEPPCB issued Show-cause notices to 01 GPIs and no follow up action report has been provided by UEPPCB on 01 show-cause notices; and

WHEREAS; out of 05 temporary closed units, UEPPCB issued letter to Regional Office for verification in case of 02 GPIs and 03 GPIs are closed as per earlier closure directions;

It is evident that inspite of CPCB direction dated 22.07.2019, meeting on 21.08.2019 and DO letter, UEPPCB has shown lackluster approach and has not taken action in prescribed timeline, which is in violation of CPCB directions and will defeat the very purpose of the entire exercise resulting in potential threat to water pollution in river Ganga & its tributaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of above observations and in exercise of the power delegated to Chairman, CPCB under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Show cause notice is hereby served to explain the reasons as to why Member Secretary, UEPPCB be not held accountable for non-compliance so far. In addition, directions are issued for ensuring following actions:

1. UEPPCB shall complete actions on all the inspection reports available and submit action taken report to CPCB within 15 days.
2. UEPPCB shall complete actions in respect of non-complying/self-closed GPIs within 15 days from the receipt of this notice.
3. Non-complying GPIs, where Show cause notice is issued, shall be verified for compliance and closure directions shall be issued in case of non-compliance. GPIs found closed during inspection shall be issued closure directions till compliance of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) is verified.

The action taken report shall be submitted to CPCB within 15 days of receipt of this notice failing which appropriate action as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be initiated.

(S.P.S. Parihar)  
CHAIRMAN

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1. Director General, : for kind information please  
National Mission for Clean Ganga (MoWR, RD & GR)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium  
India Gate, New Delhi - 110002
2. Chairman, : for kind information and to  
Uttarakhand Environment Protection & Pollution ensure compliance of the  
Control Board

29/20, Nemi Road, Dehradun,  
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direction please

3. Joint Secretary (CP Division),  
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate  
Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,  
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi - 110013 : for kind information please
4. Regional Director, Regional Directorate,  
Central Pollution control Board : for kind information and to  
ensure compliance of the  
direction please
- ✓ 5. Incharge, IT Division, CPCB : for uploading on CPCB website
6. Master File, CPCB : to keep record

  
(Dr Prashant Gargava)  
MEMBER SECRETARY