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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA

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To

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The Unit Head
M/s Praja Cement Pvt. Ltd
(Formerly Nirani Cement Ltd),
Bagalkot, Mudhol, Karnataka
587313

Sub:Revocation of closure directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

WHEREAS, the cement plants 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 thereunder; 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 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 emission monitoring system w.r.t. PM NOx and SO₂ in cement industries ; and

WHEREAS, considering the requests/representations received from industries/ industrial associations/ SPCBs /PCCs, an extension of time upto 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 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PCCs informing that no further extension of time will be given after June 30, 2015 and consent to operate will be withdrawn along with forfeiture of bank guarantee of non-complying units; and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, Notice under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, was issued on July 24, 2015 to cement plants 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 monitoring system.

WHEREAS, closure direction u/s 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 dated 26.04.2016 was issued to the unit for non-installation of online continuous emission monitoring system (OCEMS); and

WHEREAS, a circular dated 23.12.2016 was uploaded on CPCB website stating that the all integrated cement plants of 200 TPD and above shall install OCEMS in all notified process stacks; and

WHEREAS, revocation request dated 01.11.2019 was received from the unit, informing that the unit had already stopped clinkerization unit (VSK) since January 2014 and subsequently, grinding since 2015 due to non availability of clinker and the unit will only commence production after installation of online monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, as per IT division connectivity report dated 18.11.2019, it has been observed that the unit has connected OCEMS with CPCB server as per guidelines; and.

WHEREAS meeting of the three member committee, constituted for examination and recommendation for revocation of closure direction issued by CPCB was held on 09.12.2019 & 01.01.2020 and the committee approved that the closure direction issued to M/s Praja Cement Pvt. Ltd (Formerly Nirani Cement Ltd), Bagalkot, Mudhol, Karnataka may be revoked with the condition that the unit shall submit performance audit report of emission control system from Govt. institute within 60 days and obtain valid CTO before resuming operation ; and

Now THEREFORE, in view of the above and exercising the powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India Notifications No. S. O. 157 (E) of 27.02.1996 and S. O. 730 (E) dated 10.07.2002, closure direction issued to M/s Praja Cement Pvt. Ltd (Formerly Nirani Cement Ltd), Bagalkot, Mudhol, Karnataka dt. 26.04.2016 is hereby revoked with the condition that the unit shall submit performance audit report of emission control system from Govt. institute within 60 days and obtain valid CTO before resuming operation. In case of non-compliance, appropriate action as deemed fit under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 will be initiated against the unit without any further notice.



17/11/20

(S. P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman



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