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To,

District Magistrate,  
25, Belvedere Rd,  
Alipore Police Line,  
Alipore, Kolkata - 700027  
West Bengal

**DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Government has notified standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from industries and common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under, and

**WHEREAS**, the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) are empowered to stipulate standards for discharge of environmental pollutants for various categories of industries and common effluent treatment plants (CETPs) more stringent than those notified by the Central Government, under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

**WHEREAS**, Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) from sectors Chemical (Pharmaceuticals, Organic, Inorganic, Fertilizers, Refinery and Pesticides), Distillery, Sugar, Pulp & Paper, Textile, Dying, Bleaching, Slaughter House, Tannery, Food & Dairy and others categories of industry located in states of Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have been discharging effluent directly or indirectly into the river Ganga and its tributaries (Ramganga & Kali-East) through drains, having potential to cause adverse effect on the water quality of river Ganga and its tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hon'ble NGT judgment dated 13.07.2017 in matter of MC Mehta Vs Union of India, OA no. 200 of 2014 has mandated that no industries, big or small can be permitted to pollute the groundwater, drains, water bodies and environment and in all events the discharge of effluents from the unit has to be strictly in compliance with the prescribed standards. The units shall be liable to be closed and shutdown with immediate effect, in case it is found defaulting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (375 of 2012) passed a judgement dated 22.02.2017 that *"the concerned SPCBs are mandated to carry out inspections, to verify, whether or not, each industrial unit regarding "consent to operate", has a functional primary effluent treatment plant. Such of the industrial units, which have not been able to make their primary effluent treatment plant fully operational, within the notice period, shall be restrained from any further industrial activity. This direction may be implemented*

*by requiring the concerned electricity supply and distribution agency, to disconnect the electricity connection of the defaulting industry. We therefore hereby further direct, that in case the concerned SPCBs make a recommendation to the concerned electrical supply and distribution agency/company, to disconnect electrical supply to an industry, for the reason that its primary effluent treatment plant is not functional, it shall honor such recommendation, and shall disconnect the electricity supply to such defaulting industrial concern, forthwith," and*

**WHEREAS**, it has been decided that inspection of GPIs should be made an annual exercise; and

**AND WHEREAS**, inspection of 1072 GPIs carried out during April-November 2019 by team of officials comprising of experts from Technical Institutions, SPCBs, State Project Management Groups (SPMGs)/District Ganga Committees (DGCs) and all inspection reports were made available to concerned SPCBs by technical institutes for necessary action; and

**WHEREAS**, concerned SPCBs have taken action against GPIs which were found self-closed and non-complying during inspections; and

**WHEREAS**, SPCBs issued closure directions under section 33(A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to 131 GPIs which were found self-closed (110 temporary closed and 21 permanent closed) and non-complying (08); and

**WHEREAS**, 01 GPI is located in your jurisdiction and list is enclosed at Annexure-I; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been decided that GPIs which have been issued closure directions by SPCBs/CPCB shall be closed, sealed and power supply disconnected through concerned District Magistrates (DMs) and reports shall be obtained from DMs;

**AND NOW THEREFORE**, in view of above observations and in exercise of the power conferred under section 5 of The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, you are hereby directed to ensure that GPIs located in your jurisdiction which have been issued closure directions under Section 33(A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 by concerned SPCBs (list at Annexure-I) be closed forthwith and ensure that these units do not operate till the permission granted by concerned SPCBs to the unit. For this purpose, industries shall be physically checked, sealed and power supply be disconnected.

The action taken report on each GPI (as per list enclosed) shall be submitted by District Magistrate to CPCB by August 31, 2020. District Magistrate shall acknowledge the receipt of the directions to CPCB immediately.

(SHIV DAS MEENA)  
CHAIRMAN

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(Prashant Gargava)  
MEMBER SECRETARY

**Annexure 1****District wise Industry list (Temporary/Permanent Closed or Closure directions for Non-Compliance)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Industry name</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Compliance status</b>
1	24 South Paragnas	Kohinoor Paper & Newsprint Pvt.ltd.; FIGC, Phase -II, Sector-v, P.O.Kalatalahat, PS.Falta, 24-pgs(S) ,Pin - 743504	Pulp & Paper	Temporary Closed