

To
The Engineer-in-Chief
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DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986 IN THE MATTER OF RAISING THE HEIGHT OF DIVIDING WALL BETWEEN DRAIN NO. 06 AND DRAIN NO. 08

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India, vide notification S.O. 157E 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 to 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, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) continuously received complaints from Delhi Jal Board regarding increase in level of ammonia in Yamuna River and CPCB regularly communicated to Haryana State Pollution Board (HSPCB) and other concerned stakeholders to take appropriate/corrective actions to improve water quality of river Yamuna.

WHEREAS, CPCB issued directions to HSPCB under section 18 (1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 vide dated 4.12.2017 for taking remedial measures/corrective actions by HSPCB and other concerned departments in the matter of increase in level of Ammonia for improvement in water quality of river Yamuna.

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WHEREAS, CPCB convened series of meetings with HSPCB and concerned departments of State Government of Haryana during the year 2018 and 2019 and various issues relating to Yamuna river Pollution including raising height of dividing wall between Drain no. 6 and 8 was discussed and communicated to ensure necessary action by HSPCB and concerned departments.

WHEREAS, in compliance of direction of Yamuna Pollution Monitoring Committee appointed by Hon'ble NGT, a joint team comprising officials of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI) monitored water quality of river Yamuna at Wazirabad, Palla village, Sonipat, Panipat and Yamuna Nagar and Drains (Ditch Drain, Panipat Drain, Drain No. 8 and Drain No. 2) during December 24- 27, 2018, to assess and identify the sources of pollution in river Yamuna and observations of joint team reveals following:

1. Earlier, Drain no. 8 was used for augmenting the flow of river Yamuna. During survey, flow in Drain no. 8 was stopped and no fresh water was allowed to merge with river Yamuna.
2. Drain no. 6 and CETP Drain from Kundli were flowing in embankment of Drain no. 8 and CETP Kundli Drain and vice-versa. There is a possibility of mixing of freshwater of Drain No. 8 with waste water of Drain No. 6 and CETP Kundli drain and vice versa.
3. The embankment of CETP Drain was temporarily repaired and there is a need to increase height of partition wall to avoid mixing.


WHEREAS, it is evident from the above observations that embankment separating Drain No. 6 (carrying Industrial and domestic waste of Sonipat) and Drain no. 8 is not adequate and there is always a possibility of mixing of wastewater of Drain no. 6 and Kundli Drain with fresh water of Drain no. 8 .

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NOW, THEREFORE, in view of above observations and in exercise of the power conferred under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 the Haryana Irrigation and Flood Control Department is directed as follows:

1. To raise embankment/construction of dividing wall between Drain No. 6 and Drain No. 8 to ensure that any possibility of mixing wastewater with fresh water is eliminated at all times.
2. Treated effluent of CETP-Kundli complying to effluent discharge norms shall be discharged into recipient drain via closed conduit pipeline only so that possibility of mixing with drain no. 8 carrying fresh water can be eliminated.
3. The task of embankment construction shall be completed within 6 months i.e. by 30.11.2019.

Haryana Irrigation and Flood Control Department shall submit time bound action plan regarding construction of embankment along Drain no. 6 and 8 and between CETP Kundli Drain and Drain no. 8 to CPCB within 30 days from the date of issuance of these directions, failing which action shall be taken under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


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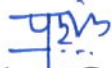
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