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To,

The Engineer In Chief,
Public Health Engineering Department,
Bay No. 13-18, Sector 4, Panchkula,
Haryana – 134112

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986 FOR NON-COMPLYING SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS INSTALLED AT SONEPAT, HARYANA

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, vide notification S.O.157(E) of 27.02.1996 has delegated powers vested under section 5 of the 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 under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and other standards and norms; and

Whereas, sewage is a major cause for poor water quality and adversely impacts human health and aquatic life. The discharge of untreated, partially treated and treated sewage not meeting standards is further adding to the problem of water pollution and very sizeable gap exist in generation and treatment of sewage at Sonapat; and

Whereas, the Central Government has notified the General Discharge Standards of Environmental Pollutants from various sources including municipal wastewater under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules framed there under (schedule VI); and

Whereas, CPCB had issued directions to Haryana Pollution Control Board vide letter no. No. A-19014/43/06-MON dated 21/04/2015 under Section 18 (1) b of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to direct Public Health Engineering Department to develop infrastructure for sewage management and operate the STPs within stipulated norms; and

Whereas, Hon'ble NGT in matter of OA No. 593/2017 (WP (Civil) No. 375/2012) dated 31/08/2018 has directed CPCB as under:

"The CPCB may take penal action for failure, if any, against those accountable for setting up and maintaining STPs, CETPs and ETPs. CPCB may also assess and recover compensation for damage to the environment".

Whereas, CPCB prepared a methodology for levying penalty in reference to Hon'ble NGT order dated 31/08/2018 for discharge in violation of consent conditions mainly prescribed standards/consent limits; and


Whereas, CPCB has inspected STP installed at Rathdana, Sonapat on 26-12-2018. During visit, sewage treatment plant was found non-functional and untreated sewage was seen discharged to nearby drain.

WHEREAS, it is obvious that non-compliance by the STP operated by Public Health Engineering Department is continuing, water quality of river Yamuna is getting adversely affected and there is a need to prevent further deterioration of the water quality of natural water resources.

Now, therefore, in view of the above observations and in exercise of powers delegated to the Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, show cause notice is hereby served to explain the reasons as to why action should not be taken against Public Health Engineering Department including levying of Environmental Compensation for non-compliances of identified STPs with respect to General Discharge Standards.

Public Health Engineering Department is also hereby directed to submit time bound action plan for corrective action in the matter including augmentation and upgradation of STP so as to ensure compliance with the notified/prescribed standards.

The reply to the Show Cause Notice shall be submitted by Public Health Engineering Department to this office within 7 days from the date of receipt of this notice failing which appropriate action as per the provision of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 /National Green Tribunal Act, 2010 including prosecution will be initiated.


05/04/19
(S. P. Singh Parihar)
CHAIRMAN

Copy to:

1. The Chairman,
Haryana Pollution Control Board
C-11, Sector 6, Panchkula, Haryana

: for kind information and ensure compliance please.

2. The Secretary,
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3. The Secretary
Ministry of Water Resources,
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation
626, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg.
New Delhi 110001
4. The Secretary
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Mulana Azad Road, Rajpath Area
Central Sectariat, New Delhi- 110001
5. Yamuna Monitoring Committee
Office of YPMC, Room No.58
India International Centre, Max Muller Marg
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Member Secretary

