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CIRCULAR

Subject: Exemption of Central Government Railway Hospitals from submitting Bank Guarantees and the 12% interest penalty for non-submission with retrospective effect.

References:

1. Office Memorandum F. No. 12(13)-B(SD)/2020-Part dated 17.05.2022 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division), New Delhi.
2. Resolution No: BM-15 passed in the 01/2026-27 (187th) Meeting of the Board held on 18/08/2026.

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) grants Combined Consents and Bio-Medical Waste Authorization (CCA) to industries, Healthcare Establishments (HCEs), and local bodies under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

These CCAs are subject to the condition of submitting Bank Guarantees to ensure strict environmental compliance. Additionally, as decided in the 182nd Board Meeting, a penalty of 12% interest was applicable for the non-submission of Bank Guarantees within the stipulated timeline.

Further, the Principal Chief Medical Director has requested to exempt central government railway hospitals from submitting bank guarantees and the 12% interest penalty and assured us that all necessary efforts are being undertaken to ensure strict compliance with MPCB norms at all Railway Hospitals.

Therefore, considering the Government Guarantee policy issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division), New Delhi, vide O.M. No. 12(13)-B(SD)/2020-Part dated 17.05.2022. As per Para (3)(v) “Government Guarantees for State Public Sector Undertakings/State entities are not available. However, in exceptional

cases, if Government Guarantee is essential, approval of CCEA/Cabinet is mandatory" Hence, it is proposed to exempt only Railway Hospitals, Central Railway, GOI established in state of Maharashtra from submitting Bank Guarantees and 12% interest as a penalty with retrospective effect.

The Board discussed the matter in detail during its 187th meeting vide Resolution No. BM-15 (01/2026-27), resolved that while granting Consent under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Authorization under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, Hospitals run by Ministry of Railways are being exempted from submitting Bank Guarantees and 12% interest as penalty with retrospective effect, considering the Government Guarantee Policy issued by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division), New Delhi, vide O.M. No. 12(13)-B(SD)/2020-Part dated 17.05.2022, as per Para (3)(v)."

This Circular shall be applicable to Railway Hospitals of Central Government and shall come into force with immediate effect from the date of issue.

This Circular is issued with the approval from MPCB competent Authority.

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