To,
The Chairman,
All SPCBs/PCCs (List enclosed)

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18(1)(b) OF THE WATER (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT, 1974 & THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981 IN THE MATTER OF POLLUTION CONTROL IN 17 CATEGORY OF HIGHLY POLLUTING INDUSTRIES

Sir,

WHEREAS, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees is to plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control of streams and wells in the State and to secure execution thereof.

WHEREAS, the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees are required to ensure installation and regular operation of the requisite pollution control facilities in the polluting industries.

WHEREAS, State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees are also required to ensure that the Handling, Storage and Disposal of Hazardous waste do not cause water and air pollution.

WHEREAS, under Section 16(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 one of the main function of CPCB is to co-ordinate the activities of State Boards.

WHEREAS, complete information on the adequacy and operational status of the pollution control facilities in 17 categories of highly industries is required to be compiled by SPCBs/PCCs and submitted to CPCB on half yearly basis.

WHEREAS, the compiled information is required to furnish replies to Parliament Questions, CAG queries and other related correspondence with MoEF. The information is also required by CPCB for planning inspections under ESS (Environmental Surveillance Squad).

WHEREAS, CPCB has earlier issued Directions dated July 19, 2002 on the subject to all the SPCBs/PCCs. As per the directions, the status of the highly polluting industries is to be submitted on six monthly basis to CPCB. Several reminders in this regard were sent by CPCB to SPCBs/PCCs, the last reminder was dated February 29, 2012.

WHEREAS, the desired information on the 17 categories of highly polluting industries in State has not been submitted to CPCB after ________

September 26, 2012
WHEREAS CAG, in its comments on report No.3B of 2001, has raised objections regarding non-submission of updated status of 17 Category of industries by SPCBs/PCCs to CPCB (Annexure I).

WHEREAS, it is observed in many cases that the industries do not operate the pollution control system on regular basis and in some cases even the existing facilities are inadequate.

Now, therefore in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13(1)(b) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and keeping in view that any improper management and handling of the hazardous waste may also cause Air and Water pollution, the following directions are issued for compliance to the State Pollution Control Board:

(i) That updated status of all the large and medium scale industries falling under the highly polluting 17 categories, including action taken against the defaulters, in your state in the format given in Annexure II shall be submitted to CPCB.

(ii) The information has to be submitted on six monthly basis to CPCB as per the previous directions. The reports are to be submitted on six monthly basis starting from the report of January to June 2012 to be submitted within 15 days of the receipt of the directions followed by the reports for July to December 2012 to be sent by January 15, 2013. The reports can be sent by e-mail to essgroup.cpcb@nic.in or faxed at 011-22381707.

(Mira Mehrishi)
Chairperson

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