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To,

Commissioner Of Sugar,
Sakhar sankul,
Shivaji Nagar, Pune.

Sub:- Environmental Compliance by Sugar and Distillery industries.

The sugar factories have been given conditional consent by the Board with restrictions on production, waste generation and disposal. The sugar industries accordingly have provided pollution control systems including ETP and air pollution control system for specified capacity. There are regular complaints about excess production, inadequate treatment and improper disposal of effluents by the sugar factories. The sugar industries if the crushing exceed 5000 T/d, they are covered under EIA Notification, 2006.

This puts additional stress on the existing pollution control systems at these factories. The molasses storage, spent wash treatment and treatment-disposal of sugar effluent systems, particularly, need to be monitored on increased frequency. This is also significant, in this lean period, when there is no or reduced flows in river. This is important as disposal or accidental discharge of industrial effluent in rivers will cause serious concerns of public health and also, aquatic life. MPCB regularly receives complaints about discharge of effluent from sugar and distilleries leading to river water pollution, particularly, Panchanganga, Krishna, Warna, rivers.

MPCB has increased the monitoring and vigilance so that the sugar plants are visited at least once in 15 days and all pollution control systems including disposal shall be verified. In addition, following instructions are being given to sugar industries;

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1. They shall ensure the compliance of consent conditions at all times, including, production capacity, effluent generation, treatment standards and disposal techniques. The records of the same shall be maintained and made available to MPCB officials during visit.
2. In case there is non-compliance leading to discharge of effluent leading to water bodies, they shall voluntarily stop production and take immediate corrective steps to contain adverse impacts and inform Board immediately.
3. In no case the production quantity shall exceed than that of consented quantity. This is a requirement under environmental clearance under Environment protection Act 1986, and also combined consent under Section 26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Authorization / Renewal of Authorization under Rule 5 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management ,Handling & Transboundry) Rules 2008.

You are also requested to instruct the sugar factories at your end to ensure the compliance of above.

Yours faithfully,



(Radheshyam Mopalwaar, IAS)
Member Secretary



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- 2) District Collector, Kolhapur, Sangli.

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This is for necessary follow-up. They are directed to instruct the individual sugar Industry