MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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No: MPCB/PD/ 2504040002

Date :- 04/04/2025

To, M/s.Thermal Power Station (MSPGCL), S.No. 120A, 120B,120C, 120D, 1032 & 1184, Vidyut Nagar Paras, Tal. Balapur, Dist. Akola.

Sub:- Proposed Directions under Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Ref: -1) Consent no. Format1.0/CAC/UAN No.MPCBCONSENT-0000 1890 81/CR/2404000904, dtd. 11/04/2024.

2) Show Cause Notice issued by MPCB vide letter no. MPCB/SCN / 2106220003, dtd. 28/06/2021.

3) Show Cause Notice issued by MPCB vide letter no.MPCB/SCN/2312120005, dtd. 12/12/2023.

4) Show Cause Notice issued by MPCB vide letter no.MPCB/SCN/2402150017, dtd.15/02/2024.

5) Show Cause Notice issued by MPCB vide letter no MPCB/SCN/ 2409260005, dtd. 26/09/2024.

6) Board Officials visit dtd. 02/04/2025.

WHEREAS, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has granted Consent to Operate u/s 26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and u/s 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & Authorization under Rule 6 of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016, on 11/04/2024, valid upto- 31/12/2024, subject to certain terms and conditions.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to provide adequate pollution control devices and comply with the consent conditions so as to achieve the standards prescribed by the Board in its consent.

AND WHEREAS, Board officials visited your industry on 02/04/2025 and observed non compliances as follows:-

1. The ETP provided for treatment of industrial effluent was not found in operation. The same was observed in dilapidated condition. The incoming drain was observed having ash content effluent leading to the deposition of ash into the ETP.

- 2. The operation and maintenance of the STP was observed poor. The aeration was not found in operation.
- 3. The industry has provided OCEMS. The same is connected to MPCB server, however, due to issues in the black box, readings are not displayed.
- 4. The coal wagon tippler (unloading section) have been provided with mist type water sprinkling arrangements, however, the same was not found in operation. The heavy fugitive dust emission was observed during unloading of the wagon.
- 5. The ash containing water was observed being discharged into the roadside drain near one day storage reservoir. Also, back wash effluent from WT plant was observed discharging into the roadside drain which ultimately meets to drain carrying ash containing water finally going outside the industry premises. Thus, contravened the consent condition no.1D) of the schedule-I Terms & Conditions for compliance of Water Pollution Control.
- 6. The pumps earlier provided at the intermediate tank (Pathan Pump House) of the ash slurry carrying pipeline were observed removed. Therefore, due to non-lifting of the ash slurry effluent from the tank, the ash slurry finds its way into the adjacent nalla through the pipeline which ultimately meets Man River.
- 7. The coal dust was observed deposited on the concreted road between ESP section & coal stack yard leading to resuspension of the dust due to vehicular movement causing fugitive dust emission in the surrounding area.
- 8. The construction work of FGD was found in operation. It is learnt that for the construction work of FGD they have given 3rd party contract and the concerned contractor has installed RMC plant & operating the same without obtaining consent from the Board.
- The fly ash was observed deposited on both side of the road going towards ash bund & Man Dam, causing fugitive dust emission during vehicular movement.
- 10. The industry has not provided online Realtime coal ash analyzers within 3 months as per consent condition no.13. of the consent to operate dtd. 11/04/2024. Thus, contravened the said consent condition no.13 of the consent to operate.
- 11. The industry is using Indian Coal for thermal power generation having coal ash content is 36 % to 43 %. Thus, contravened the consent condition no. 19. of the consent to operate.

AND WHEREAS, in view of above non compliances Sub-Regional Officer Akola has submitted proposal for initiation of legal action through legal module against your industry. Earlier this office issued show cause notices to your industry vide letter cited at reference no.2,3,4 & 5, however, you have not taken any steps regarding compliance of the consent conditions.

AND WHEREAS, the above non-compliances amount serious violations and clearly shows your gross negligent attitude towards pollution control.

AND WHEREAS, it seems that, your industry is habitual defaulter and you are knowingly and willingly causing the grave injury to the Environment in the nearby area.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above non-compliance, you are hereby directed to show cause as to:

- 1. Why your industrial activities shall not be closed down?
- 2. Why the competent Authorities shall not be directed to disconnect water / electricity supply to your unit?

You are hereby given an opportunity to respond within **7 days** from issuance of these directions, failing which, MPCB will initiate legal action against your unit without giving any further notice in accordance with the provisions of the Water (prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, which please note.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

(S.D. Patil)
Regional Officer, Amravati

Copy submitted to :-

- 1. The Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPC Board, Mumbai
- 2. The Joint Director (WPC), MPC Board, Mumbai.
- 3. The Law Officer (HQ), MPC Board Mumbai.

Copy to :-

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Akola.

It is instructed to ensure the reply from representative of industry within stipulated time and submit the compliance report accordingly.