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No. MPCB/ROR/TB/PD/ 231100022

Date: 10.11.2023

To,
Chief Officer,
Khopoli Municipal Council
Tal- Khalapur ,Dist- Raigad.

Sub:- Proposed directions under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.read with Solid Waste Management Rule 2016.

Ref :-

1. Information regarding fish kill incidence occurred at Shilphata Patalganga River on 29.10.2023 received from local villagers & news reporter.
2. Visit of the Board officials dtd.29.10.2023
3. Letter issued by SRO Raigad -I dtd 1.11.2023
4. Proposal received from Mahad, through legal module No. Legal Action No. MPCB-LEGAL_ACTIONS- 011123049

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AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Authorization under the provisions of the Hazardous and Other Wate (Management and Trans-boundary Movement) Rule, 2016.

AND WHEREAS, It is also obligatory on your part to provide underground sewerage system to carry the waste water generated from the municipal area and provide, the sewage treatment plant (STP) to treat that domestic sewage.

AND WHEREAS, the SRO Raigad-I office has received a telephonic complaint regarding fish kill incidence in the Patalganga river near Shilphata,Khopoli.In order to verify fish kill incidence officials of SRO Raigad -I has visited the Shilphata,Khopoli on 29.10.2023.During the visit some small dead fishes were observed in the Patalganga river stretch between Shilphata to Savroli bridge.

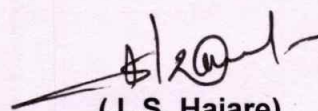
AND WHEREAS, it was also observed that you have not provided a sewage treatment plant (STP) for the treatment of sewage generated from Khopoli Municipal Council area, & all untreated domestic sewage (approx. 15 MLD) is being discharged in the Patalganga River. On October 29, 2023, there was no discharge of tail race water from M/s TATA Power in the river, and due to more concentration of sewage in the river water, a fish kill incidence might have happened. **AND WHEREAS,** you have not submitted your reply /any say to letter issued dtd 0.1.11.2023 by SRO Raigad-I

AND WHEREAS, after examination of the record of your case the reports of the officers of the Board and after making necessary inquiry, I am satisfied that you are violating Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and causing pollution in the surrounding area.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of above stated facts and realizing the river have been polluted and prevent further deterioration of surface, subsurface and coastal waters and in exercise of the power conferred upon me by Board under section 33 A of the Water (P &CP) Act, 1974, following directions are proposed to be issued.

1. You should submit a time bound action plan for 100% treatment of sewage the generated sewage.
2. You should prepare & furnish short- term & long-term action plan for treatment to avoid such incidence.
3. Why the Municipal Council shall not levied environmental compensation for discharge of untreated sewage discharge in Patalganga river?
4. Why legal action shall not be initiated against you?

You are hereby given an opportunity to respond within 10 days from issuance of these directions, failing which, MPCB will initiate legal action against your municipal council without giving any further notice in accordance with the provisions of the Water (prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, which please be noted.


(J. S. Hajare)
Regional Officer, Raigad.

Copy submitted to:

- 1) Joint Director (APC), MPCB, Sion, Mumbai.
- 2) Law officer, MPCB Sion, Mumbai-for information.

Copy to:

- 1) Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Mahad- He is directed to ensure that the said PD to be served to the local body & submit the compliance report of the direction after verification without fail.
- 2) Master File.