

MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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Date :-20/11/2020.

To,
The Municipal Commissioner,
Amravati Municipal Corporation,
Amravati.

Sub: - 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 to operate granted by M.P.C. Board vide no. BO/RO/AMRAVATI/Amravati/154-04/R/CC-50 dtd. 25/04/2005.
2) Prosecution Notice issued dtd. 21.07.2016.
3) Prosecution Notice issued dtd. 05.09.2017.
4) Directions issued vide letter no. MPCB/JD(WPC)/B:3983 dtd. 25/10/2018.
5) Letter issued by JD (WPC) regarding formulation of action plan for utilization of treated sewage dtd. 09/05/2019.
6) Show Cause Notice issued vide no. MPCB/SCN/1911020001 dtd. 02/11/2019.
7) Letter issued by Sub-Regional Officer, Amravati-I for non operation of sewage treatment plant dtd. 26/12/019.
8) Minutes of 6th Meeting of River rejuvenation committee (RRC) held on 05/11/2019 at HQ, MPCB, Mumbai.
9) Minutes of Meeting held on 20/01/2020 in respect of review of compliance of the action plan regarding polluted river water stretches.
10) The letter received from Hon'ble Shri Randhir Sawarkar, MLA, Akola (E) constituency, dtd. 14/09/2020.
11) Survey conducted by Board Officials during 19/10/2020 to 22/10/2020.
12) Visit of Board officials to the STP dtd. 04/11/2020.

WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT Principal Bench issued order on 28th September, 2018 in Original Application No. 673/2018 mention in report of CPCB "more river stretches are now critically polluted : CPCB". The report comprises 351 polluted river stretches in India out of that 53 polluted river stretches are in Maharashtra. The Hon'ble NGT directed to constitute the river rejuvenation committee (RRC) at State level to prepare action plans for restoration of

polluted river stretches and to monitor the implementation of this action plan. Environment department, Maharashtra Government

AND WHEREAS, Environment department, Maharashtra Government issued GR vide no. NGT 2018/PC-2/TC-3 dtd. 13/12/2018 regarding constitution of river rejuvenation committee with reference to Hon'ble NGT order Environment department, Maharashtra Government issued GR vide no. NGT 2018/PC-2/TC-3 dtd. 13/12/2018 regarding constitution of river rejuvenation committee with reference to Hon'ble NGT order.

AND WHEREAS, Directions given by Hon'ble NGT in the latest order dtd. 29/11/2019 in O.A. No. 673/2018 monitoring report of CPC "More River Stretches are now critically polluted : CPCB", are as follows-

- i. 100% treatment of sewage may be ensured as directed by this Tribunal vide order dtd. 28/08/2019 in O.A.NO. 593/2017 by 31/03/2020 at least to the extent of the situ remediation and before the said date, commencement of setting up of STPs and the work of connecting all the drains and other sources of generation of sewage to the STPs must be ensured. If this is not done, the local bodies and the concerned departments of the States/UTs will be liable to pay compensation as already directed vide order dated 22/08/2019 in the case of river Ganga i.e. Rs. 5 lakhs per month per drain, for default in in-situ remediation and Rs. 5 lakhs per STP for default in commencement of setting up of the SPT.
- ii. Timeline for completing all steps of action plans including completion of setting up STPs and their commissioning till 31/03/2021 in terms of order dtd. 08/04/2019 in the present case will remain as already directed. In default, compensation will be liable to be paid at the scale laid down in the order of this Tribunal dated 22/08/2019 in the case of river Ganga i.e. Rs. 10 lakhs per month per STP.

AND WHEREAS, earlier Board has issued Prosecution Notices for allocation of 25% budgetary provision and towards provision of adequate sewage treatment systems vide ref. no. 2) and 3).

AND WHEREAS, one Application has been registered on the basis on News item dtd. 17/09/2018 in "The Hindu" under the heading more river stretches are now critically polluted : CPCB.

AND WHEREAS, the aforesaid matter was recently reviewed in the Chamber Meeting held on 10/09/2018 amongst all the members of the Hon'ble Tribunal and the representatives of CPCB, the Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate

Change, Govt. of India and the representatives of Maharashtra and other States etc. The directions vide ref. no. 4) has been issued towards seeking the compliance of matter published.

AND WHEREAS, Hon'ble District Collector Amravati along with Municipal Commissioner Amravati as well as Officers from M.P.C. Board Amravati and Officers from Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran visited the sewage treatment plants on 01.09.2019 to verify the status of operation and maintenance of sewage treatment plants and observed following non-compliances:

During the visit it is observed that, the maximum quantity of effluent from Amba Nalla was observed flowing without lifting into the STP for treatment. The scouring at edge of the bandhara was observed leading to the discharge/flow of untreated effluent into the Nalla. Very less quantity of effluent from Amba Nalla was observed lifted into the STP for treatment.

AND WHEREAS, it is observed that the total sewage effluent generation is 93 MLD and only 74.5 MLD sewage effluent is being treated in both the STPs. The gap of 18.5 MLD is still unattended and it has not been managed so far. The warning notice and Show Cause Notice has been issued in this regard.

AND WHEREAS, Meeting in respect of review of compliance of the action plan regarding polluted river water stretches held on 20/01/2020 at Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Amravati.

AND WHEREAS, during the meeting the representative from MJP stated that for the 5 nos. proposed STPs DPR will be finalized upto December, 2020. However, the undersigned instructed that the authority shall revise the time frame given for the finalization of the DPR to get the earlier compliance of the order passed by Hon'ble NGT in the said matter.

AND WHEREAS, Hon'ble Shri Randhir Sawarkar, MLA, Akola (E) constituency, dtd. 14/09/2020 communicated vide letter dtd. 14/09/2020 regarding issues in respect of Purna River water pollution and directed to conduct the survey for identification of the sources of river water pollution. Accordingly, the Board official conducted the survey of the Amba Nalla, Pedhi River, Purna River during 19/10/2020 to 22/10/2020 and observed that the untreated sewage effluent about 18.5 MLD discharges into the Amba Nalla which ultimately meets Pedhi river at village Hatarua. Further the Pedhi river meets Purna river at village Kolsara leading to the deterioration of water quality of the Purna river.

AND WHEREAS, the Sub-Regional Officer, Amravati-I alongwith the Field Officer visited the STP on 04/11/2020 and observed that very less quantity of the effluent is coming into the STP inlet and most of the remaining quantity of the sewage effluent goes into the Amba

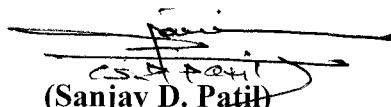
Nalla and Tope Nagar Nalla by way of overflow from the nalla bund constructed in both the Nallas. Thus it is observed that very less quantum of sewage effluent is being treated in the STP.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the undersigned under section 33A of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and Air (P&CP) Act, 1981, I hereby issue Directions against your ULB as follows.

You shall take corrective action immediately in respect of operation of the STPs properly. For the unattended sewage effluent to the tune of 18.5 MLD, you should immediately revise the time frame given for finalization of DPR for provision of additional STPs and expediate the matter of providing additional STPs for the treatment of the sewage effluent so that the quality of the Pedhi river and Purna river water shall not be deteriorated.

You shall submit your reply/objections within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of these directions, failing which the Board will be constrained to issue appropriate final directions, as may deem fit in your case, which may be noted.

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD**


(Sanjay D. Patil)
Regional Officer, Amravati

Copy submitted to :-

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

Copy to :-

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati-I.

You are directed to serve the copy of ULB and submit the compliance w.r.t. these Directions.