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To,
Chief Officer,
Lonavala Municipal Council,
Tal. Maval, Dist. Pune.

Sub: Proposed Directions under section 33 A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Ref : 1) News published in electronic media and print media regarding pollution of River Inrayani and also foam formation in river observed on 11/11/2023.
2) Proposal for legal actions submitted by the Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Pune-II vide letter no. MPCB-LEGAL-ACTIONS-301123013, Dtd. 30/11/2023

AND WHEREAS, you are operating Sewage Treatment Plant located in the "Pollution Prevention Area" under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Hazardous and Other Wastes (M and TM) Rules, 2016 followed by further amendments made therein from time to time ANDWHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to operate the STPs with valid consent to operate of the Board.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to treat the entire sewage generating from your Municipal Council jurisdiction by providing adequate sewage treatment plants and full-fledged network of sewage carrying system, so as to achieve the standards prescribed under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,1974 r/w the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

AND WHEREAS, it is obligatory on your part to maintain the wholesomeness of Water Quality of the Natural Water Bodies including aquatic flora and fauna life by avoiding contamination of water.

AND WHEREAS, news published in electronic and newspaper regarding the Indrayani River pollution with foam formation and water hyacinth and also the Board office have received the complaints of the same.

AND WHEREAS, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II has submitted legal action proposal vide reference (2) above and therein reported below non-compliances:

(1) You are discharging approx. 4.5 MLD untreated domestic effluent into the river Indrayani and approx. 7.0 MLD untreated effluent into the river Ulhas
(2) You have not provided the adequate capacity of Sewage Treatment Plant to treat total domestic effluent generated.
(3) You have provided 06 MLD STP and same was not found in operation and untreated domestic effluent discharging into water bodies.

AND WHEREAS, after examining the record of your case and reports of the officers of the Board, it has been concluded that, you are discharging untreated domestic effluent into the River Indrayani and river Ulhas through various Nallas thereby causing pollution thereof, and you have failed to comply with the conditions stipulated in the Consent granted by the Board and provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and thereby causing water pollution into the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 33 A of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, I, Ravindra Andhale, Regional Officer of the M.P.C. Board, at Pune hereby issue directions as under-.

1. Why the prosecution proposal shall not be filled against you and persons who are responsible for day to day affairs of the council before the court of Law under section 41(2), 43, 44 & 48 read with sections 33A, 24, 25, 26 of the (Water Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974?

2. Why Environmental Compensation shall not be levied to the maximum amount recommended for untreated / partially treated sewage discharge as mentioned in the Hon'ble NGT order in O.A. No. 593/2017 in the matter Paryavaran Suraksha Samiti and Others V/s. Union of India?

You are hereby given an opportunity to respond within 15 days with corrective action plan along with the short term measures and long term measures for treatment of 100% domestic effluent generating in your jurisdictions, 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
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

(Ravindra Andhale)
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune

Copy submitted for information to:
- Hon'ble The Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai.

Copy f.w.cs.to :
1. Joint Director (APC), M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.
2. Joint Director (WPC), M. P. C. Board, Mumbai.
3. Law Officer, M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.

Copy to- The Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Pune-II :- He is directed to take follow up and ensure the compliance of the aforesaid directions.