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Punjab Pollution Control Board

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Ludhiana is an Industrial hub of State of Punjab and there are approximately more than 20,000 nos. of industries operating in the city of Ludhiana. Out of which 200 nos. are large and medium scale industries, 2500 nos. are small scale industries of red category and approximately more than 17,500 nos. of industries are of green category. So more than 80% of total industries operating in Ludhiana are small scale tiny units of Green Category mainly engaged in manufacturing Hosiery Garments, machining of sewing machine parts, cycle parts, auto parts, hand tools etc.

Punjab Pollution Control Board has mainly laid stress in pollution control in red category of industries. The Board has laid down the policy for red category of industries operating in non-designated area and as per the policy, the Industries are required to be shifted to designated area. The time period has been extended in the past few years and recently the time period has been extended by the Board upto 30-6-2005. The main motive behind the policy of the Board is not to allow the establishment of any new industry or allow expansion of any type in existing industries operating in non-designated area of five highly polluting towns of the State of Punjab. Ludhiana city, is one of them. The main stress of the Board was on red category of Industries but the policy was implemented in totality in all type of industries, which included Green Category of Industries also.

The Board has been receiving large number of representations from various Industrial Associations of Ludhiana and also from the office of Chairman, PSEB to allow extension in electric connection to existing Green category of Industries in Ludhiana.

The process involved in existing Hosiery units are knitting on flat knit machine and stitching of garments. The trade in the International market has been opened

to all. The hosiery units in particular when go in for modernization/expansion, has to purchase computerized knitting machinery which cost them 1 crore to 5 crore investment in plant and machinery and also requires enhancement of electric connection to operate these machinery so that they can compete the product manufactured at international level. Further due to the addition of such type of computerized knitting machine there is neither any increase in pollution load of water or air.

A letter has been received from PSEB vide which it has been intimated that a large number of green category industries are operating particularly in Ludhiana non-designated area but predominantly residential area, the industries are operating over load thus causing revenue loss to PSEB. The PSEB has requested to release one time 100% load to such industries with certain conditions, which will not cause any increase in pollution load.

The Board vide its notification No. 178/98/1 dated 20.1.1998 decided that marginally polluting industries as per Schedule-I which cater to the daily need of the community shall be permitted to be set up within commercial and other than residential area of the town after obtaining consent to establish from the Punjab Pollution Control Board under green category and in municipal areas other than residential and commercial, consent to establish will be granted on merit after assessing the suitability in each individual case. Though the Board is pressurizing to shift the industries from the residential areas, however, till date there is no such concrete policy to shift the existing industries from the non-designated areas to designated areas. The main green category industry in Ludhiana is relating to hosiery goods manufacturing. Due to modernization to improve the quality of the product the latest machinery is being installed and for which additional electric load is required. With this modernization or increase in production, there will be no increase in pollution load.

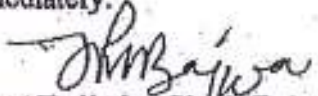
In view of the above, it has now been decided that the existing Green category of Industries located in non-designated areas may be permitted an extension in power load upto 100% of their existing available sanctioned load for the purpose of modernization/expansion/regularization of over load subject to the following conditions:-

1. The industry will submit an affidavit that there will be no addition of plant and machinery generating pollution load consequent upon the increase in power

load upto 100% of the existing sanctioned load at the same location and there will be no increase or addition in pollution load either on modernization or by expansion.

2. That the industry must have either valid consent to operate of the Board or should have applied for the consent to operate of the Board for the existing unit.
3. That the industry shall apply for the "Consent to establish" on simplified Green category prescribed proforma and shall deposit the requisite consent to establish fee as applicable for the expansion/modernization of the project irrespective of cost. The industry shall submit details of plant and machinery to be installed with tentative extension in electric load.
4. That this facility will be extended to the existing green category of industries operating in non-designated area.
5. That this relaxation is applicable only for modernization/expansion of the industry restricted as one time benefit only.
6. That this facility will not be extended for the establishment of new green category of industries in non-designated area.
7. This benefit of power load extension would be extended to small scale units only and subject to the notification of Govt. of India No. 477(E) dated 25.7.1991.
8. The industry shall shift its premises to designated area as and when the Govt. formulates the policy of shifting of industries in future.
9. The NOC shall not be any ground for not shifting the industry to the designated areas as and when Govt. frames the policy for shifting of industries.

These orders shall come into effect immediately.

  
 (Tripat Rajinder Singh Bajwa)  
 MLA,  
 Chairman

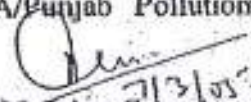
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A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

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2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Jalandhar/Patiala/Ludhiana,
3. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala/Ludhiana-I/II/III/Jalandhar/Amritsar/Batala/Hoshiarpur/Sangrur/Bathinda/Faridkot & Nodal Office, Chandigarh.
4. The Environmental Engineer, P/J/L, HWM/EPA/HQ./CSA/Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

  
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