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2. The Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ)
Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

3. The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Patiala/Ludhiana-I/II/III/
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4. The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Zonal Office, Patiala-I/II/Ludhiana & Jalandhar.

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Subject: Regarding exercising of powers delegated to Senior Environmental Engineers, Zonal Offices & Environmental Engineers, Regional Offices of the Board.

It is intimated that the Board vide Office Order no. Admn/SA-4/F-96/2003/150 dated 27/03/2003 has brought out that the Board in its 118th meeting held on 10/03/2003 vide no. 118.09 delegated following powers to the Senior Environmental Engineers of the Board under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

- (i) To grant/refusal of consent to establish/operate to Small Scale, Red Category industries.
- (ii) To take action against small scale industries u/s 41 to 48 of the Water Act, 1974 and u/s 37 of 41 of the Air Act, 1981.

Further, the Board has also delegated powers to the Environmental Engineer of the Regional Office/Nodal Office for grant/refusal of consent to establish/operate to small scale industries falling under green category under the Water

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(Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

But it has generally been noticed that the officers are not exercising the powers delegated to them by the Board and sending the cases of their competency to the higher authorities of the Board, which unnecessarily increases the work load with them. It has also been noticed that cases of small scale industries, where the report is to be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests /Central Pollution Control Board/State Govt./District Authorities, prior approval of Chairman is not taken. The Chairman of the Board took a very serious note of it.

It is, therefore, requested that in future, all the officers will exercise the powers delegated to them by the Board and decide the cases of their competency on merits. Also, the cases of small scale industries, where the report is to be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests /Central Pollution Control Board/State Govt./District Authorities, prior approval of the Chairman of the Board is required to be taken. In case of any deviation in exercising the powers as delegated by the Board, will be viewed seriously.

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