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OFFICE ORDER

Office Order No. EE(Mega)/2013/292

Dated 5/7/2013

Subject: Fee to be charged by the Punjab Pollution Control Board on account of conduct of the public hearing in accordance with the procedure laid down in EIA notification dated 14.09.2006.

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clause (d) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 has issued EIA notification vide no. SO 1533(E) Dated 14.09.2006. As per the contents of this notification, construction of new projects or activities or the expansion or modernization of existing projects or activities listed in the Schedule to the said notification entailing capacity addition with change in process and/ or technology shall be undertaken in any part of India only after obtaining the prior environmental clearance from the Competent Authority.

And whereas, as per the contents of EIA notification dated 14.09.2006, the State Pollution Control Board has been assigned with the work for conduct of the public hearings of the projects covered under the said notification.

And whereas, as per the said notification, it is mandatory on the part of State Pollution Control Board to publish the notice regarding date, time and venue for the conduct of public hearing in one major National Daily and one Regional vernacular Daily for getting the responses of the public and other stake holders. Also, the State Pollution Control Board is to arrange to video film the entire proceedings.

And whereas, the PPCB is incurring major expenditure for carrying out the compliance of the above mentioned statutory requirements from its own resources, which are limited one to cope with other expenses of the Board.

And whereas, earlier an Office Order bearing No. CSA/PH-06/F-2/294 dated 04.07.2006 was issued to charge the requisite fee from the project proponents for conduct of the public hearing corresponding to the project cost after the approval accorded by the Board in its 132nd meeting held on 24.05.2006.

And whereas, it was felt by the Punjab Pollution Control Board that due to hike in the prices of the fuel, increase in the rates of advertisement in the news papers, increase in the rates of videography and increase in the salary of the official/officers of the Board, there is a need to increase in the fee being charged by the Board on account of public hearing.

And whereas, the matter was placed before the Board in its 160th meeting held on 28.06.2013, wherein, it was decided that the Punjab Pollution Control Board shall charge fee as per the following criteria from the project proponent on account of conduct of the public hearing in accordance with the procedure laid down in EIA notification dated 14.09.2006:

Sr. No.	Total Project Cost	Fee
1.	Upto Rs.25 crore.	Rs. 75,000/-
2.	Above Rs.25 crore and upto Rs. 50 crore	Rs. 1,00,000/-
3.	Above Rs.50 crore and upto Rs.100 crore	Rs. 1,50,000/-
4.	Above Rs.100 crore and upto Rs.250 crore	Rs. 2,00,000/-
5.	Above Rs.250 crore and upto Rs.500 crore	Rs. 3,00,000/-
6.	Above Rs.500 crore	Rs. 4,00,000/-

Note: If the public hearing is postponed in exceptional circumstances, the project proponent is required to again pay the full fee on account of public hearing corresponding to cost of the project.

This Office Order will come into force with immediate effect.

Chairman

Endst. No. EE(Mega)/2013/29743-82Dated: 5-7-2013

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

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-I/II, Ludhiana-I/II, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Bathinda.
3. The Senior Environmental Engineer-HQ-1/II, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
4. The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala
5. The Additional Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Mohali.
6. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Batala, Hoshiarpur, Faridkot, Bathinda, Sangrur, Mohali & Batala.
7. The Environmental Engineer (GPC, EPA, Mega, HWM, Construction), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
8. The Environmental Engineer (Computers), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala with the request to display this Office Order on the official website of Punjab Pollution Control Board.
9. The Deputy Controller (F&A), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
10. The Law Officer / Public Relation Officer / Administrative Officers, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
11. P.S to Chairman / P.A to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

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Member Secretary
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