Punjab Pollution Control Board

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala

<u>Order</u>

No.169 Dated 11.04.2018

Subject:- Charging of consent fee from the Poultry Farms in the State.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) vide letter no. B-29012/ESS/2015-16/8584 dtd. 7.3.2016 issued a final document on revised classification of industrial sectors under Red/Orange/Green/White categories. The Board in compliance of the directions issued by the CPCB u/s 18(i)(b) of Water(Prevention & Control of Pollution)Act, 1974 and Air(Prevention & Control of Pollution)Act, 1981 also revised the classification of industrial sectors under Red/Orange/Green/White categories vide its order no. 458 dated 29.09.2016. As per the revised classification, the category "Poultry, Hatchery and Piggery" falls under green category at Sr. No. 33.

CPCB also framed & circulated environmental guidelines for Control of Pollution of Poultry farms vide its letter no. B-4032/PCI-SSI/poultry-2015/13165 dated 20 Oct., 2015. Further, CPCB also clarified the categorization of the Poultry, Hatchery and Piggery" vide letter no. F-no.29012/IPC-6/2017-18/8024 dated 19.07.2017 as under:-

- Poultry farms less than one lakh birds need not to obtain 'consent to operate' as per CPCB Guidelines circulated vide letter no. B-4032/PCI-SSI/poultry/2015 dated 20.10.2015.
- The poultry farms which are handling one lakh or more birds at a given time in single location need to approach State Pollution Control Board to obtain necessary 'consent to operate' under the Water Act, 1974.
- Environmental Guidelines for Poultry Farms including minimization of odour pollution, management of solid waste, management of waste water discharge and good housekeeping practices are applicable to all poultry farms irrespective of number of birds.

In the context of Punjab, it was observed that there are large no. of Poultry Farms with bird population less than one lac and it is necessary to regulate their location and implementation of CPCB Guidelines, so as to effectively curb the nuisance emanating from these farms. It is possible only by the way of covering these poultry farms within the ambit of consent management under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. So the Board vide letter no. 1021 dated 30.10.2017 passed the following orders:

"All commercial poultry farms having bird population more than 10,000 shall be required to obtain 'consent to establish' (NOC) as well as 'consent to operate' of the Board under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in order to get the compliance of the siting guidelines and protocol framed by CPCB." It has, however, been observed that the Poultry Farms set up in the State of Punjab are normally tiny in nature and do not require any electric connection for their processes and most of them have been established since long. These poultry farms are unable to pay consent fee for the entire period i.e. since their establishment till date.

The matter was placed before the Board in its 178th meeting held on 17.01.2018, wherein it has been decided that the poultry farms which have been setup prior to the framing of environmental guidelines for poultry farms by CPCB, may be charged consent fee w.e.f. 01.01.2016 onwards, so that the environmental guidelines may be got implemented in true spirit.

These orders will come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-Chairman

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

- 1 The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Quarter, Ludhiana, Patiala, Bathinda, Jalandhar.
- 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-I/II/III), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 4 The Additional Secretary (P&G), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Mohali.
- 5 The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 6 The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala / Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV/ Jalandhar / Amritsar / Hoshiarpur / Sri Fatehgarh Sahib / Batala / Sangrur / Bathinda / Faridkot and SAS Nagar.
- 7 The Environmental Engineer (Const/RTI/SEIAA/SEAC), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 8 The Scientific Office (Air), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 9 The Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 10 PS to Chairman/ PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.

Sd/-Member Secretary Dated_____

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