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Memo No. / 1295 / 288L/WPB/2010

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To
The District Land & Land Reforms Officer
District Howrah, West Bengal

Sub : Statutory circular issued by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board relating to excavation of sand from river Ganga & other Rivers flowing through the State of West Bengal.

Sir,

Enclosed please find the copy of the circular issued by the State Board vide memo no. 1216 (1/27),/288L/WPB/2010 , dated 26/05/2011 which is self explanatory.

The undersigned is directed to communicate the copy of the circular for your perusal, record and necessary action as may please be deemed fit and proper for implementation of the same.

Yours faithfully

(Debi Prasad Banerjee)
Senior Law Officer

West Bengal Pollution Control Board

dt. 24.8.11

Encl. As stated

Memo. No. MM-20/3127(16)/LR.

Copy of the aforementioned circular is forwarded to both the SD/LRO and all BL/LROs for information and strict compliance as directed.

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STATUTORY CIRCULAR

That, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter will be referred to as the 'State Board') is entrusted to execute different environmental Acts, i.e., the water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made thereunder, within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of West Bengal for prevention and control of pollution generated from different sources.

That, as per proposal of the Kolkata Port Trust and taking into consideration the interests of different stake-holders involved in the excavation of sand from the river bed, the following decisions were taken for implementation :-

(a) On receipt of the Consent application from the entrepreneurs engaged in sand excavation from river bed, the State Board will issue NOC for storage, handling and transportation of the silver sand but such NOC will be effective only after obtaining necessary permission from the Kolkata Port Trust. This will be in addition to any other statutory licences required under the existing Law and Regulations.

(b) After obtaining the NOC or permission from the Kolkata Port Trust, the entrepreneurs may approach before the State Board for obtaining 'Consent to Operate' and till issuance of such 'Consent to Operate' the following norms need to be maintained by the entrepreneurs :

1. The Vehicles that would be used to carry excavated sand must possess valid PUC certificate.
2. During transportation of sand, all possible steps should be taken to avoid air pollution by the said excavated sand and should be transported in moist condition and with cover to minimize air pollution.
3. The excavated sand should be kept in proper place on obtaining permission from the appropriate local authority.

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4. Excavated sand should not be dumped in congested areas as intermediate storage or beside the roads.
5. Log book regarding transportation of excavated silt has to be maintained properly.
6. The industry should obtain final permission from the Kolkata Port Trust and also from the Land and Land Reforms Department, Government of West Bengal, before starting excavation activity.
7. The industry should obtain other statutory licences as applicable, from the appropriate authority for carrying out the activity.
8. Every care to be taken to prevent spillage of oil in the river, from the diesel engine used for the excavating purpose.
9. Diesel engine should conform to the emission standards as notified by the Government of India vide GSR No.489(E) dated 9th July, 2002.
10. Consent will be revoked at any time for violation of environmental norms and on the ground of valid public complaint.

That, it is further clarified that such modalities is applicable only in respect of entrepreneurs who are excavating sand from River Ganga. In respect of the entrepreneurs who are engaged in excavation of sand from any other river, such entrepreneurs should obtain clearance from the Land & Land Reforms Department or Irrigation Department, Government of West Bengal, as the case may be. Thereafter, the State Board will issue 'Consent to Establish' and 'Consent to Operate' upon imposing the aforementioned conditions.

(c) The entrepreneurs are liable to pay consent fees from the financial year 2011-12 and all the entrepreneurs should also pay Water Cess in tune of Rs. 2,000/- (Rupees Two Thousand) only per year.

This is as per approval of the competent authorities of the State Board.

By Order,
Sd/-

(Biswajit Mukherjee)
Chief Law Officer

West Bengal Pollution Control Board

Memo No. 12/6(1-27)/288L/WPB/2010

Dated: 20/05/2011

Copy forwarded to :

1. The Joint Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department, Government of W.B.
2. Cmde. U.C. Mohanty Marine Department, Kolkata Port Trust, 15, Strand Road, Kolkata-700001.
3. Dr. A.K. Nath, OSD (Environment), Kolkata Port Trust, 15, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001.
4. Capt. JJ. Biswas, Dy. Director Marine Department, 15, Strand Road, Kolkata 700001.
5. The Chief Engineer, (Planning), WBPCB.
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7. The Chief Scientist, Dr. U.K. Mukhopadhyay, WBPCB.
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