

Annexure-50
Noted
FC-NEW-CAS/ENCLASH OFFICE OR

Punjab Pollution Control Board

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala.

3/20/13: 6240
Enst: 11/10/04

No. CSA/04/P-48/ 427

Dated 8/10

OFFICE ORDER

Whereas 32 categories of projects are covered under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification 1994 which are required to obtain environmental clearance from GOI, MoEF, Public hearing is required to be conducted by the State Pollution Control Board covered under this notification. The whole process of public hearing takes about 3-4 months time.

And whereas, many of these 32 categories are also required to obtain environmental clearance by the State Competent Authority as required under Press Note No 17 (1984 series) of GOI, Ministry of Environment & Forests.

And whereas, as per the present procedure, the State Competent Authority considers the grant of environmental clearance only after the public hearing which take another 40-45 days. As such, the total time taken for the grant of environmental clearance by the State Competent Authority comes out to be about 5 months i.e. (150 days).

And whereas, to cut short this time, following suggestions were placed before the Board in its 123rd meeting, vide Item no. 123.15, held on 6/9/2004 and decided as under:

- That CSA-cum-SAC should consider the environmental clearance in its meeting without waiting for the public hearing. This clearance can be granted subject to the clearance in the public hearing.
- That all the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts in the State may be requested to prepare a Standing Panel of members for conducting public hearings. They should provide this panel to the Board within 15 days. The panel should also include the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in their designation.

In view of the above decisions of the Board, comments of the Board, in such cases should be sent to CSA-cum-SAC without waiting for the public hearing.

This order come into force with immediate effect.

Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, MLA
Chairman

Endst. No. Admn./SA-5/F.No.783/2004/ 2013-35 Dated 8.10.04

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

- 1 The Senior Environmental Engineer (EPA), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 2 The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office Patiala/ Ludhiana and Jalandhar.
- 3 The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 4 The Deputy Secretary (P&G), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Camp Office Chandigarh.
- 5 The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Patiala.

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