



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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D I R E C T I O N

WHEREAS, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter for the sake brevity and convenience referred to as the ‘WBPCB’) enforces the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Rules made thereunder within the territorial jurisdiction of West Bengal for the purpose of controlling pollution discharged from the industries, domestic sources and also other commercial activities;

AND WHEREAS, it is observed that in the areas under different municipal corporations, municipalities and panchayats, housing complexes are built without maintaining proper environmental norms and on account of such unscientific growth of housing complexes, serious environmental problems have developed in the aforementioned areas, affecting the inhabitants of the areas adversely;

AND WHEREAS, considering the aforementioned scenario, State Board has already issued a direction on 19th December 2003 upon all the municipal corporations, municipalities, zilla parishads, panchayat samities and panchayats that without prior ‘Consent-to-Establish’ of the State Board no building plan of housing complexes, having 100 flats or more, or with a super built-up area of 60,000 square feet or more, should be sanctioned (Copy of the said direction dated 19.12.2003 is enclosed herewith as Annexure ‘A’);

HENCE, for proper implementation of the order under reference and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and Rules made thereunder, all electric supplying

authorities, that is to say, Calcutta Electric Supply Company Limited, West Bengal State Electricity Board, Damodar Valley Corporation, Durgapur Projects Limited and Disergarh Power Supply Company Limited, etc. are directed not to give any electric connection to any housing complex, having 100 flats or more, or having a super built-up area of 60,000 square feet or more, unless such projects obtain 'Consent-to-Establish' from the State Board. Even no electricity should be supplied to such housing complexes for any preparatory work.

It is further directed that all Electric Supplying Authorities who have already provided electricity any such housing project with 100 flats or more or with a super built area of 60,000 Sq. ft., the names of such projects may be communicated to the State Board and also direct them to furnish 'Consent-to-Operate' from the State Board within three months. Otherwise, their electricity may be disconnected under intimation to the State Board.

This order will take immediate effect.

By Order,

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(Dr. Symal Kr. Sarkar)

Member Secretary

West Bengal Pollution Control Board