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Member Secretary



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
(Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal)

Memo No. : 76/4A-6/2015 (Part-V)

Date : 12.08.2025

ORDER

In line with the "Ease of Doing Business" policy of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industries, Government of India and as supported by the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, the validity period of Consent to Operate was earlier fixed vide order no. 1646-4A-7/2016 dated 28/06/2016 for Red, Orange and Green category of industries as 5 years, 5 years and 7 years respectively.

Further, the MoEF&CC, GoI has notified the "Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025" on 29th January 2025 and the "Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025" on 30th January 2025 to restructure the Consent and Waste Authorisation procedure. The said guidelines prescribed an extended validity period for Consent to Operate in comparison to the existing system.

In the 2nd meeting of the National Level Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation, held on 06/08/2025 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, it was advised to adopt the extended validity period of the Consent to Operate as prescribed in the above-mentioned guidelines.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and subsequent amendments and in pursuance of the recommendations by the task force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation, the validity period of Consent to Operate is hereby revised as follows:

Sl.No.	Category of Industries	Revised Validity Period of Consent to Operate
1	RED	5 years
2	ORANGE	10 Years
3	GREEN	15 Years

Applicants shall apply for consent with full fees for the entire duration of the consent to operate as per existing practice.

The order is effective on and from 01/09/2025.

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- 1 **The Additional Chief Secretary**, Department of Environment, GoWB, 5th Floor, Pranisampad Bhawan, Block LB-II, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 106.
- 2 **The Principal Secretary**, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME&T), GoWB, Shilpa Sadan, Camac Street, 7th Floor, Kolkata – 700016.
- 3 **The Director**, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, GoWB, with a request to inform all DICs / Sub DICs for compliance.
- 4 **Chief Engineer**, WBPCB – EIM & Planning Cell / O&E and WM Cell.
- 5 **Chief Scientist**, WBPCB
- 6 **Senior Environmental Engineer**, WBPCB – Malda RO / Alipore RO / Kolkata RO / Salt Lake RO / O&E Cell.
- 7 **Senior Law Officer**, WBPCB – Shri A. Goswami / Smt. P.Pahari.
- 8 **TA to Member Secretary**, WBPCB.
- 9 **Environmental Engineer**, WBPCB – Asansol RO / Durgapur RO / Hooghly RO / EIM Cell / Barrackpur RO / Howrah RO / Haldia RO.
- 10 **Assistant Environmental Engineer & In-Charge**, WBPCB – Siliguri RO.
- 11 **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Cell**, GoWB, 5, Council House Street, Kolkata-700 001.
- 12 **PA to Chairman**, WBPCB



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