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Date : 21/08/2013

OFFICE ORDER

Sub : Constitution of Committee to supervise various activities
in respect of the Inaugural Function of National Green Tribunal
Western Zone Pune.

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The Inaugural Function of opening of National Green Tribunal, Western Zone Bench at Pune, 1st Floor, D-Wing, New Administration Building, Opposite Council Hall, Pune-411 001 is fixed up on 25/08/2013. In order to co-ordinate with various Government Departments to make the above function successful, it has been decided to constitute a Committee of the following officers of the MPCB to do necessary supervision on the various duties assigned to the Regional Office, MPCB, Pune to co-ordinate various activities in respect of the inaugural function with other Government Departments.

1. Shri D. T. Devale,
Sr.Law Officer,
MPCB
2. Shri P.K. Mirashe,
Asstt Secretary(Tech.)
MPCB.
3. Shri S.R. Banate,
Sr.Administrative Officer,
MPCB.
4. Shri Sanjay Bhuskute,
Public Relation Officer,
MPCB.

The Committee will take inspection of the site in question, where, inaugural function has been organized and the place of sitting of the Bench as well as other arrangements being made by the Regional Office-Pune. Shri D.T. Devale, SLO and Shri P.K. Mirashe, AS(T) will visit both the places on 23/08/2013 & will also take review of other preparation on 24/08/2013. Shri S.R. Banate, Sr.AO will co-ordinate the arrangements for vehicle, transportation & any other bookings of State Guest and other Dignitaries , who are attending the function by making their to & fro journey arrangements, wherever required and also the transportation to the venue. PRO & RO-

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Pune to co-ordinate the activities in respect of publicity, the welcome of State Guests and also escorting of the Guests and Dignitaries by forming Team of Field Officers and Sub-Regional Officers at Pune in consultation with the Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune by issuing appropriate Office Order. PRO will also co-ordinate with other Govt. Departments alongwith RO-Pune. RO-Pune to act as a Nodal Officer for looking after all the aspects on behalf of MPCB. The budget sanctioned for the function be taken by co-ordinating with the Chief Accounts Officer. PRO to make arrangement for welcome function by bringing suitable bouquet and other necessary things.


(V. M. Motghare)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to:

1. Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB, Mumbai – for favour of information.
2. Principal Secretary, Environment Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 32 for favour of information.

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Sr. Law Officer(P&L Divn.), MPCB, Mumbai
2. Asstt. Secretary(Tech.), MPCB, Mumbai.
3. Sr. Administrative Officer, MPCB, Mumbai.
4. Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune.
5. Public Relation Officer, MPCB, Mumbai.

Copy to:

1. Joint Director (Air Pollution Control)/Principal Scientific Officer/Joint Director(Water Pollution Control)/Chief Accounts Officer/ Regional Officer(HQ), MPCB, Mumbai–for information and necessary action.
2. Regional Officer, MPCB, Mumbai/Navi Mumbai/ Thane/Kalyan/ Raigad/Aurangabad/ Nagpur/Nashik/Kolhapur/Amravati/ Chandrapur – for information.
4. Statistical Officer/Law Officer/l/c Law Officer(P&L Divn.)/Sub-Regional Office(HQ)/Accounts Officer(EB), MPCB, Mumbai – for information.
5. Incharge, Central Lab, Mahape, Navi Mumbai – for information
6. Incharge Regional Lab., Pune/Nagpur/Aurangabad/Thane/Chiplun/Nashik – for information.
7. Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Mumbai-I/Mumbai-II/Mumbai-III/Thane-I/Thane-II/Tarapur-1/Tarapur-II/ Navi Mumbai-I/ Navi Mumbai-II/Taloja/Kalyan-I/Kalyan-II/Kalyan-III/Raigad-I/Raigad-II/Raigad-III/Mahad/Kolhapur/Sangli/Ratnagiri/Chiplune/Pune-I/Pune-II/Pimpri-Chinchwad/Satara/Solapur/Aurangabad-I/Aurangabad-II/Aurangabad-III/ Nanded/ Nashik/Ahmednagar/Jaigaon-I/Jaigaon-II/Nagpur-I/Nagpur-II/Nagpur-III/Chandrapur/ Amravati-I/ Amravati-II/Akola/Parbhani/Latur/Bhandara-for information
8. All Asstt. Law Officers, Policy & Law Divn, MPCB, Mumbai- for information & necessary action..
9. Asstt System Officer, EIC Section, MPCB, Mumbai – for information and necessary action – He is instructed to place the said Office Order alongwith Note on NGT on the website of the Board, about the opening of National Green Tribunal Western Zone Bench at Pune, 1st Floor, D-Wing, New Administration Building, Opposite Council Hall, Pune-411 001 w. e. f. 26/08/2013 regularly.

National Green Tribunal

NGT has been constituted under the provisions of the National Green Tribunal Act, 2010. It's one of five benches, is being established and being operated bench for western region at Pune, the cultural Capital of Maharashtra. The following are the important features of the Tribunal:

- The Jurisdiction of the Tribunal in respect of Environmental issues have been limited to all civil cases, more particularly, where a substantial question relating to Environment arises or which also includes enforcement of any legal right relating to Environment and such question arises out of the implementation of enactments specified in the Schedule – I of NGT Act, 2010.
- The Schedule – I specified the following Acts for the implementation
 - a) The Water (P&CP) Act, 1974.
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 - c) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980,
 - d) The Air (P&CP) Act, 1981
 - e) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - f) The Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991
 - g) The Biological Diversity Act, 2012.

Since the NGT has been given wide powers to entertain an application/s for relief and compensation to the victims of pollution and other Environmental Damage arising under above specified Acts under Schedule – I , including accidents occurred while handling hazardous substance or restitution of damaged property/ Environment as well as Appellate Jurisdiction in the matter of the orders passed by the various authorities under various specified Acts under Schedule – I including Appellate Authorities constituted under those Acts, now the responsibility of Regulatory Authorities under the above Acts have been considerably increased in the sense that those Authorities will have to follow precedents laid down in the Judgments and Orders passed by the NGT.

- Since the NGT is constituted with Judicial and Technical/Scientific Expertise, having exclusive jurisdiction in the matter of Environment Protection, as observed after establishment of NGT, more issues will be brought before Honorable NGT and therefore the compliance level of Environment norms will be definitely increased on account of faster development of Environmental Jurisprudence.
- Therefore, the establishment and operation of NGT from Pune will be definitely a Landmark Step in the State of Maharashtra for better protection and improvement of the Environment of Maharashtra. The Regulatory Authorities will have to be more cautious and vigilant in implementation of various Environmental Laws.
- The opening of National Green Tribunal Western Zone Bench at Pune, 1st Floor, D-Wing, New Administration Building, Opposite Council Hall, Pune-411 001 w.e.f. 26/08/2013 regularly.