

FOREWORD

The M.P.C. Board has truly acquired a significance of its own in the national as well as in the global context. The Board will have to play a far greater role in management in the Areas such as Water pollution control, Air pollution control, Hazardous Waste management, Bio-Medical Waste management, Municipal Solid Waste management etc. For effective implementation of environmental legislations, the Board has taken various steps such as fast clearance of the Consents/ Authorization, Joint Vigilance Sampling, Legal actions under sec. 33A of Water Act and 31A of Air Act, Industrial Location Policy, (Zoning Atlas) Environment improvement program at religious places, Conducting Mass Awareness programs on large scale, increasing frequency of inspection of polluting sources, monitoring of coastal pollution, strengthening of laboratories for analysis of samples, development of Infrastructure and decentralization of powers at the level of subordinate offices, maximum information dissemination through website etc.

With a view to have ready information on the activities of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, an attempt is made to present the relevant and latest statistics about key indicators and parameters e.g. Industries covered under the purview of the environmental legislations, Grant of Consent, Authorization issued under Bio-Medical Waste (Mgmt. and Handling) Rules, 1998 & Municipal Solid Waste (M & H) Rules, 2000, Legal Actions initiated against defaulters, Public Complaints, Central Action Plan, Industrial pollution load, CETP Status, Performance of Regional Offices, Central & Regional Laboratories, environmental Water & Air quality, Organization, Staff Strength, Cess assessment and collection etc.

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