

# MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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## CIRCULAR

Sub : Regd. Submission of Affidavits, Reports and appointment of Panel Advocates / Senior Advocate/Counsel before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay/Aurangabad/ Nagpur and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi/ Western Zone, Pune.

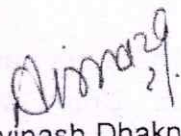
There are various matters filed on environmental issues before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay/Aurangabad/Nagpur and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi/ Western Zone, Pune. The Board has already issued various circulars from time to time regarding compliance of Orders/Judgments passed by the above Courts within the stipulated time.

It appears that the concerned officers are submitting Affidavits / Reports for necessary approval on eleventh hour. Therefore, the filing of Affidavits / Reports before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay/Aurangabad/Nagpur and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi/ Western Zone, Pune are delayed.

Therefore, it has been decided as follows:

- (i) In respect of Supreme Court matters, Member Secretary of the Board is authorized to give approval for Affidavits, Reports and appointment of Panel Advocates/Senior Advocate/Counsel.
- (ii) In respect of Policy matters, Vital matters and Administrative matters filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay/Aurangabad/Nagpur and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi/ Western Zone, Pune, Member Secretary is authorised to give approval for filing of Affidavits, Reports and appointment of Panel Advocate/Senior Counsel.
- (iii) In respect of non-policy matters filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Bombay/Aurangabad/Nagpur and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi/ Western Zone, Pune, the concerned Area Co-Ordinator has been authorized to approve the Affidavits, Reports and appointment of Panel Advocate as per their jurisdiction.

- (iv) Taking into consideration the gravity of the matter, the concerned Area Co-Ordinator may seek approval of Affidavits and Reports from the Member Secretary of the Board.
- (v) After necessary approval, the concerned Regional Officers, Sub-Regional Officers and Assistant Secretary(Establishment)/ Administrative Officer shall file Affidavits/ Reports before the above Courts as per their jurisdiction within the stipulated time.

  
(Dr. Avinash Dhakne, IAS )  
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. Principal Scientific Officer / Joint Director (Air Pollution Control)/ Joint Director (Water Pollution Control)/ Asstt.Secretary(Tech.)/ Regional Officer(BMW)/ Regional Officer(HQ)/ Law Officer(Policy & Law Division-I/II)/ Asstt.Secretary (Establishment)/ Administrative Officer (Establishment), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai.
2. Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai/Navi Mumbai/ Thane/Kalyan/ Raigad/Pune/ Aurangabad/ Nagpur/Nashik/Kolhapur/ Amravati/ Chandrapur.
3. Sub-Regional Officers, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, HQ/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/ Chiplun/ Pune-I/Pune-II/Pimpri-Chinchwad/ Satara/ Solapur/ Aurangabad-I /Aurangabad-II/ Aurangabad-III/Nanded/Nashik/ Ahmednagar/ Jalgaon-I/Jalgaon-II/Nagpur-I/Nagpur-II/Nagpur-III/ Chandrapur/Amravati-I/ Amravati-II/ Akola/ Parbhani/ Latur/Bhandara, MPCB.