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No. BO/MPCB/AS(T)/Circular/B- 240627FT30084

CIRCULAR

Date: 27/06/2024

- Sub: Extension of Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act reg.
- Ref: 1) Circular of Penal Fees for violating Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act issued vide No. BO/MPCB/ AS(T)/Circular/B-220712FTS0047, dated 12/07/2022.
 - 2) Minutes of 182nd Board Meeting held on 12/02/2024.
 - Circular Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act issued vide No. BO/MPCB/AS(T)/Circular/B-240227FTS0039, dated 27/02/2024.
 - 4) Minutes of 183rd Board Meeting held on 13/06/2024

As per 182nd Board meeting held on 12/02/2024, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Circular dated 27/02/2024 vide reference 3 above, for Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating Combined Consent Regime prescribed under the Air /Water Act.

In this regard, the statement of follow up action taken in respect of 182nd Board meeting held on 12/02/2024, was placed before the 183rd Board meeting held on 13/06/2024 wrt circular issued regarding Applicability of Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees for violating of combined consent regime was issued & the scheme was applicable for the period of 3 months i.e., from 01/03/2024 to 31/05/2024. Considering the positive response to the Amnesty scheme by the industries/health care establishments, it was decided & resolved to extend Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees to be imposed on industries/health care establishments violating combine consent regime prescribed under Air/Water Act i.e., delay in applying for grant of consent, operating without consent from the Board for further 3 months i.e., upto 31/08/2024 in the 183rd Board meeting.

Accordingly, the Amnesty Scheme for Penal Fees is extended for a further 3 months period i.e., from 1st June 2024 upto 31st August 2024.

This extension of amnesty scheme is not for those units/ industries/health care establishments who had already paid the penalty. This extension of amnesty scheme will be applicable to those industries who will submit online applications for combined consent within 3 months period i.e., 1st June 2024 to 31st August 2024. All the applications received in this period will only be considered. Industry applying under amnesty scheme will have to pay the total penal fees within 15 days period once online link for payment of fees is provided through online e-payment gateway by the Board. Applications already pending with the Board that have not paid the Penal Fees will also be considered, provided they pay the total penal fees as per Amnesty Scheme within 15 days period once online link for payment of fees is provided through online e-payment gateway by the Board.

This Amnesty scheme will be only for a period of 3 months from 1st June 2024 to 31st August 2024. The duration of the scheme will not be extended. The earlier Penal Fees circular dated 12/07/2022 will come into force automatically after the end of amnesty period.

The Amnesty Scheme fees amount to be paid by PP through online e-payment gateway.

All the Officers of the Board should implement this circular scrupulously without fail.

(Dr Avinash Dhakne, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to: The Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board Mumbai- for favor of information.

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1. All HODs, MPC Board Mumbai. - For information & necessary action

PRO, MPCB Mumbai. He is directed to give publicity of the Amnesty Scheme by way of news, awareness in leading newspapers.

Copy to:

 All Regional Officer, MPC Board. They are directed to ensure that the above Amnesty Scheme shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and immediately calculate & provide link to the industries through online e-payment gateway for payment of penal fees after verification of the application wrt grant of consent accordingly.

2. All Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board. They are directed to ensure that the above Amnesty Scheme shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and immediately calculate & provide link to the industries through online e-payment gateway for payment of penal fees after verification of the application wrt grant of consent accordingly.

3. SO/EIC- He is directed to host the circular on Board's website.