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CIRCULAR

Sub: Guidelines for Marriage Halls/ Lawns and Club House activity.

- Ref: 1) Hon'ble NGT(WZ) Application No. 53 of 2015 filed by Vivek Sheshrao Dakne V/s. Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation.**
- 2) Committee constituted by the MPC Board dtd. 04/02/2016 in the Hon'ble NGT(WZ) application No. 08/2015 filed by Shri Sujal Sahakari Gruha.**
- 3) Consent Committee of the MPC Board dtd 29/04/2016.**
- 4) Minutes of the 166th Meeting of the Board.**

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An Application bearing No. 53/2015 before Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Western Zone), Pune regarding Noise and other pollution issues caused by Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club Houses activity in nearby area to the human habitation. The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) was also filled by the aggravates parties against the cause of the nuisance due to Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House activity.

In order to ascertain as to whether marriage halls/Lawns and Clubs are to be covered under the consent Regime of MPCB, Committee was constituted vide above cited ref. 2. The above said issue were discussed in details in the Consent Committee meeting dtd. 29.04.2016 and 166th MPCB Board's Meeting held on dtd. 20/08/2016.

In the Board 166th meeting, MPCB has resolved to bring Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club Houses activity in consent regime and follow the guidelines prepared by MPCB.

The Marriage halls/ Lawns/ Club Houses are defined in two groups and brought under the consent regime as per the following table –

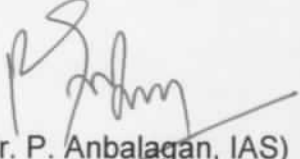
Group	Define	Applicability of consent and enforcement authorities
Group –A	<p>1) The Marriage Halls/ lawns spread over more than 1 Acre area and above or having gathering capacity of 1000 persons and above.</p> <p>2) The Club houses having area of 2000 sq. meter and above or having membership of 500 persons and above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marriage halls/ lawns/ Club Houses as defined in the Group A located in Municipal Corporation or "A" class Municipal Council or MMRDA or PMRDA or CIDCO or NIT Nagpur or Cantonment Boards within Corporation / A Class Municipal Council or Cantonment Boards surrounding (within 5 kms radius from the boundary) Corporation or A Class Municipal Council shall be brought under the purview of consent management regime of the Board and they shall apply to the Board for obtaining consent under Water and Air Act. (In order to avoid ambiguity in calculation of gathering capacity of a person, Standards Floor Space index (FSI) as defined by Public Works Department (PWD) and Building Code shall be used). • The Marriage halls/lawns/club Houses as defined in the Group A located in B, C, D and Zila Parishad, Nagar Panchayat, shall follow Guidelines, separately prepared by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board which will be enforced through concerned planning authorities.(Guidelines are enclosed herewith)
Group –B	<p>1) The Marriage Halls /lawns spread over less than 1 Acre area and having gathering capacity of less than 1000 persons.</p> <p>2) The Club houses having area less than 2000 sq. meter and having membership less than 500 persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Marriage halls/ lawns/ Club Houses as defined in the Group B located in Municipal Corporation or "A" class Municipal Council or MMRDA or PMRDA or CIDCO or NIT Nagpur or Cantonment Boards within Corporation / A Class Municipal Council or Cantonment Boards surrounding (within 5 kms radius from the boundary) Corporation or A Class Municipal Council including Municipal Council B, C and D and Zilla Parishad, Nagar Panchayat shall follow guidelines, separately prepared by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board which will be enforced through concerned planning authorities.(Guidelines are enclosed herewith)
<p>Abbreviations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MMRDA – Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority 2. CIDCO – City Industrial Development Corporation 3. PMRDA – Pune Metropolitan Regional Development Corporation 4. NIT – Nagpur Improvement Trust 		

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Concerned planning authorities shall strictly implement & impose said guidelines at the time of granting permission to Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club Houses. Concerned planning authorities shall ensure that Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House under Consent management regime (Group-A category) shall obtain valid Consent to Operate from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board within next 45 days.

These Guidelines is come into force with the immediate effect from the date of issue and the Municipal Commissioners/ Chief Officers of all Local Body/ Planning Authorities in the Maharashtra State are hereby directed to implement the above guidelines. All the concerns are hereby directed to implement above Guidelines within 45 days from date of issue of this circular.

D.A.: Guidelines for Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House.


(Dr. P. Anbalagan, IAS)
Member Secretary

To,

All Divisional Commissioners/ District Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Zilla Parishad / Chief Officer Municipal Councils.

- For Information and implementation.

All Regional Officers/ All Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board.

- They are directed to serve the copy of the above guidelines to Divisional Commissioners/ District Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners/ Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Zilla Parishad / Chief Officer Municipal Councils. Planning Authorities as mentioned under their jurisdiction for further needful action towards its implementation.

Copy submitted for information to:

- The Hon'ble Principal Secretary (Env.) and Chairman, M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.

Copy to:

- The A.S.(Technical)/Joint Director(APC)/Joint Director(WPC)/ PSO/RO(HQ)/ RO(Cess), M.P.C. Board, Sion, Mumbai-400022.

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Guidelines for Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House**❖ Water pollution control measures:**

- Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House having domestic effluent generation more than 10 M³/Day shall provide adequate capacity of sewage treatment plant so as to achieve standards of BOD limit 10 mg/lit. Treated domestic sewage shall be recycled/ reused upto 60% for flushing and cooling purpose and remaining shall be used on land for gardening purpose. The final disinfection needs to be done by appropriate doses of Ozone.
- Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House having generation less than 10 M³ per day shall provide adequate capacity of Septic Tank and Soak Pit and the overflow, if any shall be used on land for gardening purpose. The soak pit shall be got cleaned periodically.
- In order to save water resources and minimize waste water generation, effective water saving devices should be installed and appropriate water saving and/or water/reuse/recycle programmes should be implemented.

❖ Noise pollution control measures:

- Use of Loudspeakers/ D J System/ Dolby System in Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House shall require prior permission of competent Authority, so as to avoid nuisance in nearby /surrounding area of Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club House.
- No one shall beat a drum or tom-tom or blow a trumpet or beat or sound any instrument or use any sound amplifier at night (between 10.00 p.m. and 6 a.m.).
- Acoustic enclosure/ sound barriers shall be provided at Marriage Halls/ Club House and within the Lawn premises natural dense vegetation shall be done so as to maintain prescribed standards of noise at the periphery of Marriage Halls/ Club House and Lawn.
- The peripheral noise level shall not exceed more than 5 dB (A) than the ambient air quality standards specified for the area in which it is used, at the boundary of private place.
- There shall be a complete ban on bursting sound emitting firecrackers between 10 pm and 6 am.
- Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and its amendments there off shall be strictly followed.

❖ **Solid waste pollution control measures:**

- Biodegradable solid waste should be treated by organic waste converter and treated waste (Manure) should be utilized for gardening purposes.
- Non-Biodegradable solid waste shall be properly collected and segregated and shall be disposed to authorized municipal solid waste disposal facility.
- Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and its amendments there off shall be strictly followed.

❖ **Air pollution control measures:**

- Properly designed exhaust system shall be provided in kitchens. There should be no free passage in the premises through which cooking fumes and odor could escape to the neighboring areas.
- Appropriate air pollution control equipment with the adequate stack height should be installed such that there should be no visible fumes emission from the kitchen exhaust and the emission should not cause any odor nuisance to the nearby sensitive receptors such as residential premises, school, hospitals etc.
- Diesel Power generating sets for backup power should be acoustically enclosed type with adequate stack height and conform to rules made under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

❖ **General measures:**

- Traffic congestion near the entry and exist points from the roads adjoining the proposed project site must be avoided. Parking should be fully internalized and no public space should be utilized.
- Buffer zone around periphery of Marriage Halls/Lawns and Club Houses shall be maintained by dense plantation.

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Member Secretary

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