

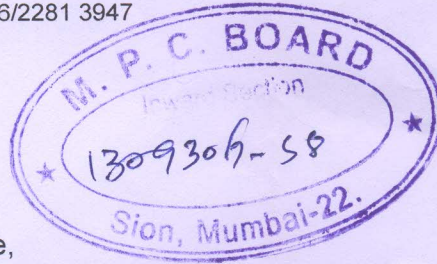
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To,
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Subject: Arrangement for attending Hon'ble NGT at Pune Bench.

Sir,

As per the letter dated 10/9/2013 of Sr. Law Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Hon'ble NGT has asked Environment Department to clarify its stand as to whether in all State matters including Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Irrigation Department, Forest Department, Revenue Department and any other Departments, Environment Department will be Nodal Agency or they will file separate replies and will appear separately. The above clarification in writing is to be submitted to Hon'ble NGT bench by next date.

National Green Tribunal (NGT), Western Zone office has started functioning at Pune and cases pending before NGT, New Delhi have been transferred to Hon'ble Tribunal at Pune. The matters which are transferred to NGT, Pune are to be coordinated by MPCB. Hence, Policy and Law Division of MPCB (HQ) has been appointed as a Nodal office to co-ordinate with Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra / SEIAA / SEAC and MPCB. The policy and Law Division will appoint Advocate on record on behalf of State Government for appearance, daily watch the Board and to co-ordinate with concern departments.

It is clarified that for the matters admitted before the Hon'ble NGT, Pune which are related to issues of Environment Department including SEAC/ SEIAA / RRZ / MCZMA / Lake and other specific Environmental issues and for which Chief Secretary, (GOM) is a party representing State of Maharashtra are to be taken care by Environment Department by filing necessary replies / affidavits etc. However, in cases, where, departments other than Environment Department are respondents, for such matters concerned departments should defend before NGT separately by filing their respective replies by appointing their Advocate.

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