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## CIRCULAR

**Sub: Strict Compliance with Timelines for Processing & Disposal of Consent Applications – reg.**

**Ref:**
1) Board mail dated 02/05/2024
2) Circular wrt strict compliance with timeline for processing & disposal of consent application dated 24/01/2025.
3) Directions issued u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 issued by CPCB vide dated 12/02/2025.
4) Govt. Resolution issued by Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt of Maharashtra vide dated 07/03/2025

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI has issued Notification No. G.S.R 84 (E), dated 29th January 2025, wherein MoEF & CC has stipulated strict guidelines regarding Consent Disposal Timeframe & Lapse Resolution Mechanism for Red, Orange and Green Category Industries/Plants

The MoEF, & CC, GOI in the said Notification has mentioned to constitute a State Level Monitoring Committee to oversee and monitor the implementation of the said guidelines.

Accordingly, Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra vide Govt. Resolution dated 07/03/2025 has constituted State Level Monitoring Committee chaired by Principal Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra.

Despite of repeated instructions/ directions, it is observed that there is huge pendency of consent applications at SRO/ RO/ HOD level, and the applications are locked & further marked to State Monitoring Committee as per the directions issued by MoEF & CC vide ref 3 above.

In order to streamline the processing and disposal of applications, specific timelines were decided and communicated to all HODs, ROs, SROs, and FOs vide Circular with respect to Timelines for processing & Disposal of Consent Applications at ref 2 above.

In order to strictly follow the new timeline as per Directions issued by MoEF & CC & Govt. Resolution issued by Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt of Maharashtra vide dated 07/03/2025, it is necessary to amend the timeline for disposal of the pending consent application based on the Directions of MoEF & CC.

In view of the above, all officers of the Board are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the following timelines for processing and disposal of applications at their respective levels. Applications must be processed sequentially, i.e., on a first-come, first-served basis.

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| Category & Application Type | Stage | Step Details | Within Max Days | Total by Stage (if grant/refuse) | Total if SCN at that level |
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| Grant or Refusal of Consent to Establish/1st Consent to Operate/Renewal of consent or expansion or Amendment- **Green Category applications** ***(Timeline 30 days)*** | **SRO** | Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO | 2 | **15 days** | **30 days** |
| | | Mandatory 7 days scrutiny | 7 | | |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to SRO | 4 | | |
| | | SRO shall either grant/Refuse/ submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell) | 2 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by SRO (dispose the application) | 15 | | |
| | **RO** | RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO | 2 | **15 days** | **30 days** |
| | | FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO | 4 | | |
| | | RO to dispose off the application | 2 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by RO (dispose the application) | 7 | | |
| | **HQ** | Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO | 2 | **15 days** | **30 days** |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to HOD | 4 | | |
| | | HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC) | 2 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by HOD (dispose the application) | 7 | | |
| Grant or Refusal of Consent to Establish- **Orange Category applications** ***(Timeline 45 days)*** | **SRO** | Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO | 2 | **20 days** | - |
| | | Mandatory 7 days scrutiny | 7 | | |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to SRO | 8 | | |
| | | SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell) | 3 | | |
| | **RO** | RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO | 2 | **25 days** | **45 days** |
| | | FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO | 10 | | |
| | | RO to dispose off the application | 5 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by RO (dispose the application) | 8 | | |
| | **HQ** | Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO | 2 | **25 days** | **45 days** |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to HOD | 10 | | |
| | | HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC) | 5 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by HOD (dispose the application) | 8 | | |

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| Category & Application Type | Stage | Step Details | Within Max Days | Total by Stage (if grant/refuse) | Total if SCN at that level |
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| **A.** Grant or Refusal of Consent to 1st Operate/Renewal of consent or expansion or Amendment- **Orange Category applications** ***(Timeline 60 days)*** | **SRO** | Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO | 2 | **30 days** | - |
| | | Mandatory 7 days scrutiny | 7 | | |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to SRO | 16 | | |
| | | SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell) | 5 | | |
| | **RO** | RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO | 2 | **30 days** | **60 days** |
| | | FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO | 15 | | |
| | | RO to dispose off the application | 5 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by RO (dispose the application) | 8 | | |
| **B.** Grant or Refusal of Consent to Establish- **Red Category applications** ***(Timeline 60 days)*** | **HQ** | Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO | 2 | **30 days** | **60 days** |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to HOD | 15 | | |
| | | HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC) | 5 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by HOD (dispose the application) | 8 | | |
| Grant or Refusal of Consent to 1st Operate – **Red Category applications** ***(Timeline 90 days)*** | **SRO** | Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO | 2 | **45 days** | - |
| | | *Mandatory 7 days scrutiny* | 7 | | |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to SRO | 26 | | |
| | | SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell) | 10 | | |
| | **RO** | RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO | 2 | **45 days** | **90 days** |
| | | FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO | 25 | | |
| | | RO to dispose off the application | 10 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by RO (dispose the application) | 8 | | |
| | **HQ** | Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO | 2 | **45 days** | **90 days** |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to HOD | 25 | | |
| | | HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC) | 10 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by HOD (dispose the application) | 8 | | |

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| Category & Application Type | Stage | Step Details | Within Max Days | Total by Stage (if grant/refuse) | Total if SCN at that level |
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| Grant or Refusal of Renewal of consent or expansion or Amendment- **Red Category applications** ***(Timeline 120 days)*** | **SRO** | Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO | 2 | **60 days** | - |
| | | Mandatory 7 days scrutiny | 7 | | |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to SRO | 40 | | |
| | | SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell) | 11 | | |
| | **RO** | RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO | 2 | **60 days** | **120 days** |
| | | FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO | 40 | | |
| | | RO to dispose off the application | 10 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by RO (dispose the application) | 08 | | |
| | **HQ** | Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO | 2 | **60 days** | **120 days** |
| | | FO shall process the application and submit to HOD | 40 | | |
| | | HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC) | 10 | | |
| | | If SCN is issued by HOD (dispose the application) | 08 | | |

The Circular wrt strict compliance with timeline for processing & disposal of consent application dated 24/01/2025 stands cancelled & all Officers of the Board are hereby directed to scrupulously implement this circular with immediate effect.

Timelines are maximum limit. However, all Officers should try to complete the process before time. Failure to comply with the prescribed timelines will attract disciplinary action. All concerned officers are directed to take serious note of this and act accordingly.

**(Dr Avinash Dhakne, *IAS*)**
Member Secretary

Copy submitted for information to:
- Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB, Sion, Mumbai

Copy for necessary action and implementation to:
- All HODs, all ROs, all SROs & all FOs

Copy to:
- EIC:- They are directed to make the necessary changes in the IMIS system for auto generation of email to concern immediate next higher authority as per the delegation of power of consent immediately.