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To,
The Chairmen
of 20 SPCBs and 3 PCCs as per list attached)

Direction under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 in the matter of Write Petition (Civil) No 309 of 2003, Laxmi Narain Modi Vs Union of India in the Supreme Court of India on Issues relating to slaughter houses

WHEREAS, amongst others, under Section 17 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Boards is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of pollution of streams and wells in the State and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, the slaughter houses generate substantial quality of effluent, which needs to be properly treated before disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has been pursuing with the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/ Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) to take appropriate action so that the slaughter houses meet prescribed norms; and

WHEREAS, information received from SPCBs/PCCs reveals that slaughter house(s) are yet to install proper effluent treatment facility and/or are yet to be covered under consent regime; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests on April 26, 2012 in Paryavaran Bhawan, C.G.O. Complex, New Delhi, it was decided that CPCB would initiate action against all slaughter houses which are not meeting the norms and rules through SPCBs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above and exercising the powers conferred under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the following directions are issued to ----- (name of SPCB/PCC) for compliance:

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1. The State Board/Committee shall ensure that all slaughter houses operate with valid consent;
2. The State Board/Committee shall take appropriate action so that the slaughter houses provide effluent treatment facility to meet norms; and
3. The State Board/Committee shall take action against defaulting slaughter houses; and
4. The State Board/Committee shall submit six-monthly status reports to CPCB indicating no. of slaughter houses in operation, no. of slaughter houses with effluent treatment facility, no. of slaughter houses with valid consent and actions taken against the defaulting slaughter houses.

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 Chairperson

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