



# BIHAR STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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## NOTIFICATION

As per Central Pollution Control Board classification, 2025, Bio-mass Briquette manufacturing unit (coal/bio-mass/coke) has been classified as Green category of industry with pollution index 30, which processing involves mixing, mechanized compression and drying.

In compliance with Board's notification no. 32, dated-01.10.2018, Schedule-3, Bio-mass Briquette (sun drying) without using toxic hazardous waste, green category industry, should have minimum distance of 50 meter from habitation, 200 meter from school/hospital and court, 50 meter from river, wetlands and 50 meter from NH/SH/Railway line.

The Central Government has recently done many regulatory reforms which include amendment of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974; the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981; the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 through the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024 and the Jan Vishwas (Amendment Provisions) Act, 2023.

MoEF&CC, Govt. of India has notified the Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025 vide GSR 84(E), dated-29.01.2025 in exercise of the powers conferred by section 21 A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, as amended and the Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025 vide GSR 85(E), dated-30.01.2025 in exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, as amended. The aforesaid guidelines have been further amended vide GSR 62(E), dated-23.01.2026 and GSR 63(E), dated-23.01.2026.

As per Para 9 of the aforesaid amended guidelines dated-23.01.2026, Specific and/or General conditions related to establishing a new industrial unit at a location along with the appropriate environment safeguards and/or mitigation measures, in view of site condition on the ground shall be imposed, in the case of an industrial unit requiring Environment Clearance (EC), by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) at the Central/ State level, and **in other cases, by the concerned State Board.**

Central and State are promoting the use of cleaner fuel in the industrial sectors for the improvement of ambient air quality. MoEF&CC, Govt. of India has issued revised policy for bio-mass utilization for power generation through co-firing in pulverized fired boilers vide its letter dated-08.10.2021 and its addendum issued on 03.05.2023.

Bihar State Pollution Control Board has restricted the use of furnace oil, coal and wood in any form as industrial fuel where the supply network of

CNG/LNG/PNG have been developed by the oil companies vide notification no. 02, dated-12.03.2024.

In compliance with the decision of State Level Inter Departmental Working Committee meeting dated-19.11.2025 under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner of Bihar for restricting open burning of agricultural waste, State has to promote the use of agro waste briquette in the boilers as fuel.

In view of the above facts and in order to promote bio-mass briquette (agro waste/stubble) as industrial fuel, Bihar State Pollution Control Board hereby amend the siting criteria of bio-mass briquette manufacturing industry (agro waste/stubble) as hereunder:-

Previous siting criteria for bio-mass briquette (sun drying) without using toxic hazardous waste as per BSPCB' notification no. 32, dated-01.10.2018.	Revised siting criteria for promoting bio-mass briquette (agro waste/stubble) as industrial fuel which processing involves mixing, mechanized compression and drying.
Habitation: 50 m	Habitation: 50 m
School/Hospital & Court: 200 m	School/Hospital & Court: 100 m
River/Wetland: 50 m	River/Wetland: 50 m
NH/SH/Railway line: 50 m	NH/SH/Railway line: 50 m

The siting criteria for Bio-mass Briquette manufacturing unit (coal/coke) shall be in accordance with BSPCB' notification no. 32, dated-01.10.2018.

This notification is issued by the approval of the Chairman subject to post facto approval of the Board. This shall be applicable from the date of notification.

Sd/-

(Neeraj Narayan)  
Member Secretary.

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Patna, dated- 11-02-26

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(Neeraj Narayan)  
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