



BIHAR STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Parivesh Bhawan, Patliputra Industrial Area, Patna - 800 010
EPABX - 0612-2261250/2262265, Fax - 0612-2261050

E-mail-bspccb@yahoo.com, Website - <http://bspccb.bih.nic.in>

Ref. No. - 1634

Patna, Dated :- 17.12.2019

PRESS RELEASE

M/s Majhaulia Sugar Industries Pvt. Ltd. (distillery division), Majhaulia, distt. West Champaran, located at Majhaulia based on molasses as a raw material, with the capacity of 45 KLPD's ethanol production along with electric generation of 200 MW, is a co-generation unit.

Board vide letter no. 689 dated 6th May 2019, had provided the CTO for the duration of five years with certain conditions. With the given conditions, unit had to maintain zero Liquid discharge. That means, unit had to restrict external discharge completely.

On 05.08.2019 & 09.09.2019, a surprise inspection was conducted by this Board in presence of the unit's General Manager & where it was found that:-

- Zero liquid discharge condition was not being fulfilled;
- The untreated industrial discharges from Multi Effect Evaporator (MEE) and other areas, were being allowed into the drain straight leading finally to the Kohra River;
- The untreated industrial discharge from the unit, and domestic discharge flowing in from the market area, mixed together and flowed down, covering 3-4 km into the River Kohra near Raj Ghat Bridge; and
- Connecting online emission discharge/Flow Meter/ Camera with CPCB server was found to be incomplete.

Due to above mentioned reasons, the unit was served with a show-cause notice by the Board vide letter no.3641, dated 21.09.2019, proposing to impose environmental compensation and filing a complaint case under provisions of the Water Act, 1974. Also the opportunity was provided to the unit to file objection to the board within the stipulated time-period.

The Board conducted another inspection on 12.11.2019 in presence of the General Manager. It was again observed that the unit was discharging its polluted effluent outside the premises and not maintaining Zero Liquid Discharge.

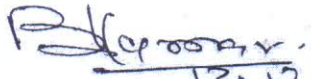
For the aforesaid closure direction dated 22.11.2019, the Board had received the response on 25.11.2019. However, the response submitted by the unit was found unsatisfactory and hence rejected by the board.

It is of relevance to note that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Principal Bench), New Delhi in Original Application No.353 of 2016 (M.A. No. 360 of 2017) with

O.A. No.412 of 2017 clarified and held that apart from the prosecution, the statutory authorities under the Environment (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 must in exercise of their incidental power, prescribe scale of compensation to be collected from the polluter on the "Polluter Pays Principle".

For the aforesaid violations made by the unit environmental compensation of Rs.33, 00,000/- (Rupees Thirty three lacs) was assessed to be imposed upon the unit by the Board.

Thereafter, under the provisions of Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and in compliance with the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal, as aforesaid, the unit has been directed by the board to make payment of Rs.33,00,000/- and to ensure maintenance of Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD).


17.12.2018
(Birendra Kumar)
Public Relations Officer