CLOSURE ORDER

Order No.P-574/APPCB/ZO-VJA/EAC/2019- Date : 08.08.2019


Ref:
2. Complaint received through AMS Grievance (print media) in SPANDANA web portal on 09.07.2019 under the caption “Kalushya Koralu”.
3. RO, Ongole report Dt.27.07.2019 and the same was received at ZO, Vijayawada on 29.07.2019.
4. External Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.08.2019.

WHEREAS you are operating the de-heading & peeling of shrimps unit (herein after called industry) in the name of M/s. Himagiri Ice Industries located in Sy. No. 179/B, 184-3D, 191-1, 191-A1 A1, 191-A1 A2, 203-3, 184-3, 209, Vaviletipadu (V), Jarugumali (M), Prakasam District and engaged in the production of De-heading & Peeling of shrimps – 4 tons / day.

WHEREAS vide reference 1st cited, the Board issued Consent for Operation to the industry to carry out De-heading & Peeling of shrimps – 4 Tons/day, which is valid up to 08.11.2023.

WHEREAS vide reference 2nd cited, a complaint was received through AMS Grievance (print media) in SPANDANA web portal on 09.07.2019 under the caption “Kalushya Koralu” stating that the prawn processing units located at Vaviletipadu, K. Bitragunta, Jarugumali are dumping their wastes and discharging untreated waste water in Govt. places such as nearby NH-16 and railway bridge.

WHEREAS vide reference 3rd cited, the RO, Ongole inspected in response to the complaint made and observed that:

1. The industry has not provided ETP for treatment of process waste water.
2. The industry laid an illegal pipe line from industry to NH-16 Bridge and is discharging untreated waste water through the pipeline. The untreated waste water was formed as a pool under the NH-16 bridge thereby causing ground water pollution in the area.
3. Severe odour was observed near the pool between the National Highway and Railway Bridge due to stagnation of waste water and continuous discharge of untreated waste water from the industry.
4. The industry has not installed flow meters to quantify the water consumption and waste water generation.
5. The industry is not having adequate land to discharge the treated effluents on land for irrigation.
6. Legal samples of waste water were collected for analysis from the following points:
   - Manhole where untreated process water is being discharged outside.
   - Collection tank.
   - Pipeline laid to discharge untreated process waste water into storm water drain under NH-16 Bridge.
   - Pool between the NH-16 and Railway Bridge.

As per the analysis report of the sample collection Dt.22.07.2019, the values are as follows:

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<td>pH</td>
<td>APHA (23rd Edition) 2500 – H2O2 2017</td>
<td>Sample collected at manhole where untreated process water is being discharged outside</td>
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<td>Total Suspended Solids</td>
<td>APHA (23rd Edition) 2540 – D 2017</td>
<td>Sample collected from collection tank</td>
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<td>Chemical Oxygen Demand</td>
<td>APHA (23rd Edition) 5220 – B 2017</td>
<td>Sample collected from pipeline outside National Highway Bridge</td>
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WHEREAS as per the analysis report of the legal sample collected on 22.07.2019, all the parameters except pH are far exceeding the standards stipulated by the Board causing severe water pollution to the surroundings and public places.

WHEREAS the issue was placed in the External Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.08.2019 in light of RO, Ongole report and the Committee noted that i) the industry is not having adequate ETP to treat the effluent generated during the process, ii) the industry is illegally discharging the untreated waste water outside the premises near NH-16 bridge forming a cess pool causing odour nuisance to the surroundings, iii) the industry is not having sufficient land to utilize the treated water i.e. about 35 KLD for land application, iv) as per the analysis report of the industry, the values of the results are far exceeding the discharge standards of the Board stipulated, v) the representative of the industry submitted a document in support of land availability stating that they have acquired 4 acres of land on lease basis for 5 years but submitted the documents only for 1.08 acres. After detailed discussion, the Committee recommended to issue Closure Order to the industry for the above said violations noted by the Committee.

After careful consideration of all material facts of the case and for the reasons stated above, in view of the External Advisory Committee (Task Force) recommendation, under the Powers vested with the A.P. Pollution Control Board under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987, the Board, hereby issues Closure Order to your industry for causing pollution problems in the interest of protecting public health and environment.

You are directed to take note that if you still continue to operate your industry even after receipt of this order, you are liable for prosecution under section 41 (2) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & its subsequent amendments and under section 37 (1) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & its subsequent amendments, for imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than one year and six months and may extent to six years and with fine.

You are further directed to take note that the APSPDCL has been ordered to disconnect the power supply to your industry with immediate effect. Should you resort to operate your industry by means of diesel generator or any other mechanical device, you will be attracting prosecution under section 41(2) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & its amendments and under section 37 (1) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

If the industry is aggrieved by this order made by A.P. Pollution Control Board under Section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987, you may prefer an appeal before the appropriate Appellate Authority within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

This order comes into effect from today i.e.08.08.2019.

Sd/-

JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

To

The Occupier,
Ms. Himagiri Ice Industries,
Sy. No. 179/B, 184-3D, 191-1, 191-A1 A1, 191-141 A2, 203-3, 184-3, 209,
Vaviletipadu (V), Jarugumali (M),
Prakasam District – 524 002.

Copy to Joint Chief Environmental Engineer (UH-II), A.P. Pollution Control Board, Vijayawada for information and necessary action.

Copy to Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Ongole for information and necessary action. He is directed to submit the compliance of the Closure Orders within 48 hours to Zonal Office, Vijayawada without fail.