
Sub: APPCB–ZO-VJA – M/s. Godrej Agrovet Ltd, at R.S.No:276 to 3, 265/1 & 275/1, Apparaopet Road, Kanumolu (V), Bapulapadu (M), Krishna District – Complaints against the industry on discharge of untreated waste water and causing odour nuisance to the surroundings in “Spandana” - External Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.08.2019 – Directions – Issued - Regarding.

Ref: 1. Complaint made by Sri. T. Sankar, kakulapadu Village, Bapulapadu (M), Krishna District on 04.07.2019 through e-mail.
2. RO, Vijayawada showcase notice issued to the industry on 05.07.2019.
4. External Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.08.2019.

WHEREAS you are operating Shrimp & Fish feed unit with capacity of Shrimp feed – 200 TPD and Fish feed – 200 TPD. The Auto-renewal of consent order and authorization vide order dt. 06.03.2018 issued is valid upto 28.02.2023.

WHEREAS vide reference 1st cited, the Board received complaint against your industry made by Sri. T. Sankar, kakulapadu Village, Bapulapadu (M), Krishna District on 04.07.2019 through e-mail.

WHEREAS vide reference 2nd cited, the RO, Vijayawada issued a show cause notice to the industry on public complaint on discharge of untreated waste water and causing odour nuisance to the surroundings.

WHEREAS vide reference 3rd cited, the RO, Vijayawada forwarded a report to ZO, Vijayawada.

WHEREAS vide reference 4th cited, the issue was placed in the External Advisory Committee meeting held on 08.08.2019 and the committee observed that i) M/s/Godrej Agrovet Ltd is operating Shrimp feed & Fish feed producing unit at R.S.No:276 to 3, 265/1 & 275/1, Apparaopet Road, Kanumolu (V), Bapulapadu (M), Krishna District ii) The industry obtained consent and authorization vide order dt. 28-04-2015 which is valid upto 28-02-2018. Subsequently the industry obtained Auto-renewal of consent order and authorization vide order dt. 06.03.2018 valid upto 28.02.2023. iii) The RO, Vja., reported that ‘During inspection deposition of soot on the roofs of some houses and utensils placed outside the premises and on tree leaves was observed. iv) Fugitive stack emissions reported to be causing air pollution to the surroundings. v) The industry has not provided Bio filter / Ozonizer attached to cooking section thus results perceptible odour in the industry premises. vi) Fine dust was emanating from the storage yard of the boiler ash and its surrounding premises. Design of the existing boiler ash handling system is not adequate and as such should be improved in order that fugitive dust is mitigated. vii) Leakages of fish oil from fish oil tank premises are getting mixed with water and discharging through the outlets of the industry in to the canals which may be causing water pollution to the nearby agricultural lands. viii) Not constructed ETP to treat the waste water. The RO, Vijayawada issued Show cause notice to the industry on 05-07-2019 with a direction to rectify the said lapses and submit compliance report. ix) In response to the show cause notice by the RO, Vijayawada, the industry submitted reply stating that “ The industry has provided bag filters as air pollution equipment attached to 10 TPH boiler and they are frequently changing the damaged bags. The industry is using sterilized fish meal along with other raw materials which emits less odour than the conventional processed fish meal. There is no possibility of generating odour at manufacturing area. The industry proposed to provide water sprinkling system at all dust generating sources by 20-08-2019. The industry has immediately taken corrective measures for leakage of fish oil tanks”.

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WHEREAS Sri Srihari, Plant Head and Sri Nageswara Rao, HR Head attended the EAC meeting and informed that i) The industry is erecting water sprinkling system to suppress the dust at all dust generating sources and the same is likely to be completed by 20.08.2019. ii) The industry is using sterilized fish meal / Oil as raw material to avoid odour nuisance. iii) The industry stopped all leakages of oil and the area is kept clean after receipt of notice by RO, Vijayawada. iv) The industry is planning to install bio filter followed by ETP further to reduce the odour nuisance.

After a detailed discussion, the External Advisory Committee (EAC) recommended to issue the certain directions.

After careful consideration of all material facts of the case, under the Powers vested with the A.P. Pollution Control Board under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987 for the reasons discussed below, the Board hereby issues the following directions to your industry, in the interest of protecting public health & environment:

1. The industry shall erect the bio filter / Ozonizer / any suitable equipment on or before 15.10.2019 and ensure that there will not be odour nuisance from the industry to the surroundings.

2. The industry shall construct and commission the ETP to treat the wastewater generated from the industry on or before 15.10.2019.

3. The industry shall provide additional storage for handling of ash generated from the Boiler before disposal on or before 15.10.2019.

4. The industry shall install a separate energy meter for the ETP and maintain log registers to record the energy meter readings pertaining to the operation of the ETP by 15.10.2019.

5. The industry shall install digital flow meters with totalizer facility for the ETP at inlet and outlet of ETP to measure quantity of effluent routed through the ETP by 15.10.2019.

6. The industry shall not discharge any wastewater outside the premises under any circumstances.

7. The industry shall develop thick green belt in all the vacant places. In future, excess green belt over and above 33% of total area can be utilized for developmental activity as per requirement of industry. In any case, the minimum greenbelt shall be 33% of the total area.

8. The industry shall submit a Bank guarantee of Rs.2.0 Lakh by 20.08.2019 to ensure the construction and commission of the ETP, erection of bio filter / Ozonizer / any suitable equipment, to provide additional storage for handling ash.

9. If the industry fails to submit the Bank guarantee by 20.08.2019, legal action would be initiated against the industry.

You are directed to note that if you fail to comply with the above directions, Board will be constrained to initiate action against your industry under Section 33 (A) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1988 and under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 1987, in the interest of Public Health and Environment, without further notice to you.

This order comes into effect from today i.e. 14.08.2019.

N V Bhaskara Rao
JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

To
The Occupier,
M/s. Godrej Agrovet Ltd,
R.S.No:276 to 3, 265/1 & 275/1,
Apparaopet Road, Kanumolu (V),
Bapulapadu (M), Krishna District.

Copy to EE, APPCB, RO, Vijayawada for information and necessary action.