



## WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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### CIRCULAR

**Sub :** Circular for Ceremonial House/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses.

**Ref :** The order dated 31.08.2016 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Original Application No. 57 of 2015 in the matter of Survey of India Co-operative Society Ltd. – Vs – CESC Ltd. & Ors.

AND

The order dated 24.04.2018 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone Bench, Original Application No. 71 of 2017 in the matter of Srikrishna Parua –Vs- West Bengal Pollution Control Board & Ors.

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board has decided to bring Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses in the state under the regulatory regime of the Board. The Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses in the state will henceforth be required to comply with the following requirements:

Category	Area/Capacity	Compliance Requirement and Enforcement Authorities
A	1) Ceremonial Houses/Lawns and Banquet Halls spread over an area of 1 Acre or more or having gathering capacity of 1000	(i) Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses under Category A and located in Municipal Corporations Areas/ Municipal Areas of West Bengal shall be under the purview of

	<p>persons or above.</p> <p>2) Club Houses having an area of 2000 sq. meter or above or having membership of 500 persons or above.</p>	<p>consent management regime of the Board and shall apply to the Board for obtaining consent under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.</p> <p>(ii) Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses under Category A and located in areas other than Municipal Corporations Areas/Municipal Areas of West Bengal shall follow Guidelines of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board which will be enforced through concerned local authorities.</p>
B	<p>1) Ceremonial Houses and Banquet Halls spread over less than 1 Acre area or having gathering capacity of less than 1000 persons.</p> <p>2) Club Houses having area of less than 2000 sq. meter or having membership of less than 500 persons.</p>	<p>Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses under Category B shall follow guidelines of West Bengal Pollution Control Board which will be enforced through the local authorities concerned.</p>

The guidelines for Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club houses are given in the Annexure.

The Municipal Commissioners/Chief Executive Officers of all local bodies /local authorities are instructed to strictly implement and impose the above directions at the time of granting permission to Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses. It is to be ensured that Ceremonial Houses/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses which are under the consent management regime of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board shall obtain Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate from the Board within 60 days from the date of issue of these direction.

**In case of any default, the appropriate authority shall take necessary steps as mentioned in the Annexure to this memo.**

These directions have been issued under the powers conferred by Section 33A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and in suppression of earlier statutory circular issued by the Board vide 1102/383L/WPB/2017 dated 15/12/2017.

By Order,

( Dr. Kalyan Rudra )  
Chairman

West Bengal Pollution Control Board



## ANNEXURE

### ❖ Guidelines for Ceremonial Houses / Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club houses Water pollution control measures:

- 1) Ceremonial Houses/lawns and Banquet Halls and Club Houses having domestic effluent generation more than 10m<sup>3</sup>/day shall provide Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of adequate capacity and achieve the standard as prescribed in Notification No. GSR 1265( E) dated 13.10.2017 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change .
- 2) Ceremonial Houses/lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses having domestic effluent generation less than 10m<sup>3</sup>/day shall provide Septic Tank and Soak Pit of adequate capacity. The soak pit shall be got cleaned periodically.
- 3) In order to save water resources and minimize water generation, effective water saving devices should be installed and appropriate water saving and/or water/recycle programmes should be implemented.

### ❖ Noise pollution control measures:

- 1) Use of loudspeakers/sound system, including D J, in Ceremonial House and Banquet Halls shall require prior permission of the competent Authority so as to avoid nuisance in nearby/surrounding area of the Ceremonial House and Banquet Hall. The Ceremonial House and Banquet Hall should not generate or allow to generate any noise level which may be responsible for violation of the ambient noise level as fixed up under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- 2) No loudspeaker/microphone/sound blowing system will be fitted in any uncovered area and/or outside the area of the premises.
- 3) No fireworks of any kind will be used within the covered or uncovered area or outside the premises before 5 p.m. and after 10 p.m. Use of noise making fireworks is totally prohibited.

- 4) Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and amendments thereof shall be strictly followed.

❖ **Air pollution control measures;**

- 1) Properly designed exhaust system shall be provided in kitchens. There should be no free passage in the premises through which cooking fumes and odor could escape to the neighboring areas.
- 2) Appropriate air pollution control equipment with adequate stack height should be installed such that there are no visible fumes or emission from the kitchen exhaust and the emission should not cause any odor nuisance to nearby sensitive receptors such as residential premises, school, hospitals etc.
- 3) Diesel Generator sets should comply with the prescribed norms as per Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Notification No. GSR 371(E) dated 17.5.2002 and its subsequent amendments.

❖ **Solid waste management measures:**

- 1) The waste materials shall be accumulated in an environmentally safe manner within the boundary of the premises concerned and shall be disposed of properly within twelve hours after completion of the ceremony.
- 2) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and its amendments thereof shall be strictly followed.

❖ **Local authority shall consider the following before granting trade licence/permission to operate :**

- 1) Locational aspect of the Ceremonial Houses/lawns and Banquet Halls and Club Houses i.e, the distance from residential area, educational institutes, health care units, religious institutions.  
For the existing Ceremonial Houses/lawns and banquet Halls and Club Houses, if such residential area, educational institutes, health care units, religious institutions exist in vicinity proper measures should be adopted so that there is no adverse impact on the



environment of the area.

- 2) The availability of adequate potable water and resources.
- 3) The necessary car parking arrangement.

❖ **Steps to be taken by the appropriate authority in case of non-compliance of the provisions of the circular :-**

➤ **Pollution Control Board :-**

- i) In case of Category - A units - immediate action should be taken as per provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- ii) In case of Category - B units - matters should be referred to the local authority for taking immediate steps.

➤ **Local Authority :**

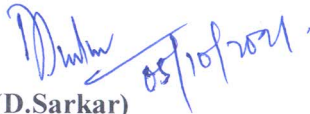
- i) The local authorities shall withdraw the trade licence of Ceremonial Houses/lawns and Banquet Halls and Club Houses should not be allowed to hold any further social functions till necessary measures are taken to comply with this guidelines.
- ii) Urgent steps should be taken as per the provisions of the prevailing laws.

➤ **Police Authority :**

- i) The police authority shall file a case of u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code for violation of Government order.
- ii) In case of noise pollution, the provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and its amendments should be followed.
- iii) In case of use of "Black DG" the directions/Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Eastern Zone made in the Original Application No.-158/2016/EZ Subhas Datta -Vs- State of WB & Ors., should be strictly followed.

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