



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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WHEREAS the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to as the 'State Board'), is executing different provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for prevention and control of pollution in the state of West Bengal.

AND WHEREAS as per the provisions of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, any industry, operation or process or any treatment and disposal system or any extension or addition thereto, which is likely to generate sewage or trade effluent or emission within the state of West Bengal is required to obtain prior consent from the State Board before establishment and also before operation.

AND WHEREAS the Board had initiated receiving consent applications online since 2007 and processing the same through the Environmental Management Information System (EMIS) (<http://emis.wbpcb.gov.in/>) of the Board.

AND WHEREAS the Government of India, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industries, has laid emphasis on "Ease of Doing Business" for providing efficient, convenient, transparent and integrated electronic services to the applicants. Under the "Ease of Doing Business" one of the action points is to develop and implement Electronic Consent Management Systems for all environment / pollution related approvals with the objective of streamlining the procedures to obtain clearances by the applicants and to ensure speedy disposal of consent applications.

AND WHEREAS the Government of West Bengal has considered the above matter actively and directed the Department of Environment for immediate implementation of the same. The matter has also been considered and approved by the Board.

NOW THEREFORE in supersession of all previous orders in respect of receiving and processing of the consent applications in the state of West Bengal, the State Board in exercise of the powers conferred under the Sec. 64 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 leading to the West Bengal Prevention and Control of Water Pollution (Form of Application for Consent of the State Board) Rules, 1999 and in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 2(1), 2(5) and 2(6) of the said Rules, is hereby adopting and implementing the **Online Consent Management** with effect from **01.06.2015**.

Under the **Online Consent Management**, all applicants (project proponent / entrepreneur / local body etc.) are required to file applications for consent and authorization (Consent for Establishment, Consent for Operation, Hazardous Waste Authorization, Bio-medical Waste Authorization, Municipal Solid Waste Authorization etc.) through the Board's EMIS.

Further, the validity period of Consent to Operate is being hereby revised as follows :

Sl.	Category	Existing Validity of Consent Period	Revised Validity of Consent Period
1	Red	1 year (1 st time consent) 2 years (Renewal) 3 years (ordinary red)	3 years (all cases)
2	Orange	4 years	5 years
3	Green	5 years	7 years

All applicants are required to apply for consent with full fees for the entire duration of validity.

The existing procedure of obtaining Consent for Establishment (CFE) for small scale Orange and Green category and Consent for Operation (CFO) for small scale Green category of industries shall continue to be dealt on-line by respective District Industry Centres under the Department of Micro & Small Scale Enterprises & Textiles, Government of West Bengal.

The brickfields and stone crushers who obtain consent from the Offices of District Land and Land Reforms Officer and the District Administration respectively are however exempt from filing online consent applications but shall obtain consent for revised validity periods as mentioned above.


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