To
The Zonal Officer,
Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB),
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Sir,


With reference to the letter cited on the above subject, the status on granting the consents / authorization under Water Act, 1974, Air Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is as follows:

I. Implementation of Common Consent and Authorization (CCA):

In order to integrate the process of issuing permissions, for adopting sound practices in enforcement of Consent / Authorisation management & to avoid multiple inspection of same industries, the APPCB has revised inspection format to combined format to verify the compliance status of CFO & HWA orders simultaneously. The status pertaining to Consent renewal/ first time and compliance status of HWA Authorization being reviewed at same time and a combined order of CFO & HWA was introduced under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 & under HW (M&H) Rules, 1989 and amended thereof. Issue of Combined Order of CFO & HWA is in practice & the validity periods of CFO & HWA are synchronized through combined order.

This practice has also facilitated for monitoring of industries to enforce & implement various environmental laws and to verify specific status to grant both consent & Authorisation through single inspection & to review over all compliance status of the cross functions/ interim directions.

II. Decentralization of issue of Consent:

APPCB has expanded its activities based on present demand and future trends of public, Government and Judiciary. Innovative techniques have been introduced to have a service orientation & public participation under
transparency of information and decision making. APPCB has Head office located at Hyderabad, 5 Zonal Offices & 19 Regional Offices spread over entire state with a 3 tier systems structure for monitoring of environmental compliance, resources and implementation of environmental legislations. The existing decentralization for issue of Consent for Establishment (CFE), Consent for Operation (CFO) & Hazardous Waste Authorisation is enclosed at Annexure-I.

III. Validity period of consents particularly for Red / Orange / Green categories of industries:

Consent orders under Water Act & Air Act and Hazardous Waste Authorisation are being issued with the same validity period in order to review overall compliance status across cross functionalities and also to minimize duplication of inspections and monitoring of industries.

The Consent of Operation (CFO) and HW, authorization order are being issued for one year validity period in case of first time. The validity period for renewal of CFO and HW Authorization for Red / Orange / Green category of industries is as follows:

- Red category units: 3 years
- Orange category units: 4 years
- Green category units: 5 years

However, for the units having ISO 14000 Certification, additional one year validity period is being issued for CFO and HW Authorisation.

IV. Introduction to web based tracking system for consent application:

The APPCB has still not adopted web based tracking system for consent applications. However, the list of CFEs / CFOs / HW Authorisations issued / rejected / pending in APPCB are being placed in the website of APPCB.

This is for information and necessary action.

Encl. as above

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

MEMBER SECRETARY