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Date: 25.03.2026

To,

The Member Secretary

SPCB/PCC

(Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh)

Sub: Extension of timeline for installation and connectivity of OCEMS/PTZ systems in compliance of directions dated 11.03.2026 issued under Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

This is in continuation of CPCB directions issued vide letter dated **11.03.2026** (copy enclosed) regarding installation of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS)/PTZ cameras and ensuring connectivity with CPCB and concerned SPCB/PCC servers for identified industries in NCR.

In this regard, it is informed that in consideration of representations from industrial association and OCEMS vendor, it has been decided to **extend the compliance timeline by 15 (fifteen) days i.e. 10.04.2026**. Accordingly, the dates mentioned as "March 26, 2026" in paras (i) and (ii) of the aforesaid direction dated 11/3/2026 shall be read as "April 11, 2026" and subsequently the date mentioned as "March 30, 2026" in para (iii) of the aforesaid direction dated 11/3/2026 shall be read as "April 11, 2026". Rest other content in the said direction dated 11/3/2026 shall remain the same.

This issues with the approval of the Chairman, Central Board.

Yours faithfully,

(Bharat Kumar Sharma)

Member Secretary

Encl.: As above.

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Sub: Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding installation of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring System (OCEMS) in air polluting industries operating in NCR-Delhi.

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (hereinafter referred as "the Air Act"), one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) is to plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control or abatement of air pollution in the State/Union territory and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (hereinafter referred as "the Water Act") is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs / PCCs; and

WHEREAS, the SPCBs and PCCs are required to ensure installation and regular operation of the requisite pollution control facilities in the polluting industries; and

WHEREAS, there is need to inculcate habit of self-monitoring mechanism within the industries for complying the prescribed standards and this can be achieved by the methods like installing online effluent and emission monitoring devices; and

WHEREAS, for strengthening the monitoring and compliance through self-regulatory mechanism, online source and emission monitoring systems need to be installed and operated by the industries on 'polluter pays principle'; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming a need and necessity to regulate and minimize inspection of industries on routine basis and instead efforts need to be made to bring self-discipline in the industries to exercise self-monitoring & compliance and transmit data of effluent and emission compliance to SPCBs/ PCCs and to CPCB on continuous basis; and

WHEREAS, directions u/s 18(1)(b) of the Water Act and the Air Act were issued to all the SPCBs/ PCCs on 05.02.2014 for further directing 17 categories of highly polluting

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industries, CETPs, and Common Hazardous Waste & Biomedical Waste Incinerators for installation of online continuous effluent/emission monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, for strengthening monitoring mechanism and effective compliance through self-regulatory mechanism, CPCB vide letter dated 29.12.2017 directed SPCBs/PCC of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana, u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act to direct all the red category – air polluting industries located in 23 districts of National Capital Region and Delhi to install Online Stack Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems and ensure connectivity of data with servers of CPCB/SPCBs/PCC, within stipulated time frame; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 23.04.2018, directed SPCBs/PCCs u/s 18(1)(b) of the Water Act and the Air Act to incorporate a specific condition in the Consent Order (CTO) of a newly established industry falling under 17 category industries and common treatment facilities, commissioned after 28.02.2017 that they shall install OCEMS and ensure connectivity with CPCB and SPCB/PCC servers before start of operation; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 18.06.2019, directed the SPCBs/PCC of NCR u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act to ensure closure of all medium and large-scale red category air polluting industries in NCR Delhi, which have not installed and connected online continuous stack emission monitoring systems with CPCB & SPCB/PCC servers.; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 12.08.2025 directed all SPCBs/PCCs u/s 5 of the Environment Protection Act, 1986, to ensure installation of OCEMS in municipal solid waste based Waste-to-Energy (WTE) plants; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has issued directions dated 12.08.2025, for ensuring adherence to the revised OCEMS Protocol for calibration and alert generation, that will also be monitored through the New OCEMS Portal; and

WHEREAS, based on the information received from SPCBs/PCC in NCR-Delhi, it was observed that some units under Red category air polluting (Medium and large scale), Common facilities, and 17 category of industries, have not installed or connected the OCEMS with CPCB server. Therefore, CPCB vide letter dated 01.10.2025 directed SPCBs/PCC of NCR-Delhi to ensure that such remaining industries install OCEMS and provide connectivity to the servers, immediately, and

WHEREAS, considering the poor air quality in NCR Delhi and the requirement of extended monitoring network for industrial emission quality in major air polluting units in three sectors, namely- textile, metal processing, food & food processing, CPCB vide letter dated 09.10.2025 directed SPCBs/PCC of NCR-Delhi u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act, to ensure that the units under these three sectors ensure installation of OCEMS from NPL certified vendors and PTZ camera, as well as connectivity with CPCB and concerned SPCB/PCC server by 31.12.2025, and

WHEREAS, despite regular sensitization by CPCB it was observed that majority of the targeted units did not initiate the process of OCEMS installation and connectivity; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 05.12.2025, directed the SPCBs/PCC of NCR u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act Directions, for appropriate action to ensure OCEMS/PTZ camera installation and connectivity in targeted sectors by 31.12.2025; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 30.12.2025, directed all SPCBs/PCCs of NCR-Delhi, to conduct random checks from 31.01.2026 to examine if CSIR-NPL certified OCEMS/PTZ camera, have been commissioned by the aforesaid units or not, and whether the same have been seamlessly connected with the CPCB OCEMS portal (<https://cems.cpcb.gov.in/>), failing which appropriate necessary action be initiated against the defaulting units by the concerned SPCB/DPCC; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 12.01.2026, directed the SPCBs/PCC of NCR u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act, to ensure incorporation of the conditions regarding installation and connectivity of OCEMS and PTZ camera, as applicable, as an essential condition under Consent to Operate (CTO) for all existing and upcoming units in the targeted sectors; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated 30.01.2026, directed the SPCBs/PCC of NCR u/s 18(1)(b) of the Air Act, to ensure immediate closure and revocation of Consent to Operate (CTO) for the 634 units (31 units in Delhi, 147 units in Haryana, 42 units in Rajasthan, and 414 units in Uttar Pradesh), which failed to place purchase orders for installation of OCEMS/PTZ camera; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has been following-up the matter with SPCBs/PCC of NCR-Delhi and NPL certified vendors on regular basis, for ensuring timely installation of OCEMS/PTZ camera in the targeted industrial units.

WHEREAS, based on the information provided by the NPL certified vendors, there are 958 units in Delhi-NCR (25 units in Delhi, 592 units in Haryana, 132 units in Rajasthan, and 209 units in Uttar Pradesh), which have placed purchase orders, however, installation of OCEMS/PTZ cameras has not been completed due to non-completion of requisite actions by the concerned industrial units. The list of such 958 units is attached as **Annexure-I**.

Further, there are 355 units in Delhi-NCR (12 units in Delhi, 174 units in Haryana, 67 units in Rajasthan, and 102 units in Uttar Pradesh) which have installed OCEMS, but failed to ensure connectivity/data transmission with CPCB server. The list of such units is attached as **Annexure-II**; and

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, SPCBs/PCC of NCR-Delhi are hereby directed:

- i. To ensure OCEMS/PTZ camera installation and connectivity & data transmission to CPCB servers for the aforesaid 958 units (**Annexure-I**) by March 26, 2026.
- ii. To ensure connectivity & data transmission to CPCB servers for the aforesaid 355 units (**Annexure-II**) by March 26, 2026.

- iii. To ensure closure of the defaulting units w.r.t. (i) and (ii) and share the list of such defaulting units by 30th March 2026, certifying that the CTO of the unit has been revoked, electricity has been disconnected through the DISCOM/District Magistrate (DM) and unit has been sealed by the DM.

The SPCB/PCC shall acknowledge the receipt of these directions and submit the "Action Taken Report" in compliance with these directions to CPCB by March 20, 2026.


(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary


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3. The District Magistrate, : *With a request to take necessary
(All Districts of NCR Delhi-as per the list) actions against the defaulting units,
as above, please.*
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