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West Bengal Pollution Control Board
(Department of Environment, Government
of West Bengal)

Memo No. 23-4A-10/2012

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CIRCULAR

Subject : Circular for Ceremonial House/Lawns, Banquet Halls and Club Houses

WHEREAS, West Bengal Pollution Control Board (hereinafter will be referred to as the State Board) is entrusted with the enforcement of the provision of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Air ((Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, for the purpose of protection of environment and for the prevention and control of pollution in the State of West Bengal.

AND WHEREAS, as per provision of section 25 & 26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 21 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, any industry can operate in the state after obtaining Consent to Establish/ Consent to operate from the State Board.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the order dated 19.09.2019 of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench passed in connection with O.A.No. 400/2017(Westend Green Farms Society Vs Union of India & Ors.), the Central Pollution Control Board has framed Mechanism / Guidelines for Control of Pollution and enforcement of Environment Norms at Individual Establishments and the Area/Cluster of Restaurants / Hotels / Motels / Banquets etc.

AND WHEREAS, in compliance to the above mentioned order of the Hon'ble Tribunal, 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 obtain Consent to Establish / Consent to operate from the State Board under

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section 25 & 26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under section 21 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for its establishment / operation and shall follow Guidelines of the Board as 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.

In case of any default, the appropriate authority shall take necessary steps as mentioned in the Annexure to this memo. The Police Authorities also should take steps in case of violation of the guidelines.

Mechanism/Guidelines for Control of Pollution and enforcement of Environment Norms at Individual Establishments and the Area/Cluster of Restaurants/Hotels/Motels/Banquets etc. by the Central Pollution Control Board should also be strictly followed.

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 Memo No. 314/383L/WPB/2017 dated 05/10/2021.

This will take immediate effect.

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11/A/2023

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