GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Paryavaran Bhavan, Sector-10A, Gandhinagar

CIRCULAR

Subject: Procedure to be followed by Project Proponents (PPs) for obtaining comments from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) during the processing of Environment Clearance (EC) proposals.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, has issued Office Memorandums dated 14.01.2025, 08.10.2025 and 25.11.2025 prescribing the procedure for obtaining comments from the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) through the PARIVESH 2.0 Portal.

The Ministry has exempted Project Proponents from obtaining Consent to Establish (CTE) from the SPCB prior to grant of Environment Clearance (EC), subject to obtaining the necessary EC. The conditions that would ordinarily form part of the CTE, wherever applicable, shall be incorporated in the Environment Clearance itself. The aforesaid Office Memorandums also prescribe the procedure for obtaining comments from the SPCB, payment of the prescribed processing fee, timelines for submission of comments, and other related requirements.

To ensure uniformity, transparency and expeditious processing of EC proposals, the following procedure shall be followed by all Project Proponents.

Procedure to be followed by Project Proponents:

1. **Step-1: Submission of Application on GPCB XGN Portal**

   Upon receipt of Terms of Reference (ToR) or an application for Environment Clearance (EC), GPCB shall generate a Demand Note on the PARIVESH Portal. Immediately upon generation of the Demand Note, the Project Proponent shall submit an online application on the GPCB XGN Portal under the "EC to CTE" module.

   a. Where the Project Proponent already has an existing PCB ID for the same plot of land, it shall be mandatory to use the existing PCB ID and submit an "EC to CTE Amendment" application.
   b. In case of a fresh project, or where no PCB ID exists for the proposed project site, the Project Proponent shall first create a new PCB ID through the IFP Portal, Government of Gujarat, and thereafter submit an "EC to CTE" application.

2. **Step-2: Payment of Processing Fee**

   The Project Proponent shall pay at least the amount specified in the Demand Note online through the payment gateway available on the GPCB XGN Portal.

3. **Step-3: Upload of Payment Receipt**

   Upon successful payment of the prescribed processing fee, the Project Proponent shall upload the payment receipt generated through the XGN Portal against the corresponding Demand Note on the PARIVESH Portal.

4. **Step-4: Verification by GPCB**

   GPCB shall verify the payment receipt and acknowledge the payment on the PARIVESH Portal.

5. **Step-5: Submission of Comments**

   After due verification, GPCB shall upload the comments received from the concerned Regional Officer on the PARIVESH Portal and forward the proposal to the concerned EAC/SEAC in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

Notes:-

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1. The prescribed processing fee shall be paid only through the payment gateway available on the GPCB XGN Portal.
2. For any query, clarification, or issues relating to payment of the prescribed fee through any mode other than the XGN payment gateway, the Project Proponent may communicate at the following email address: ms-gpcb@gujarat.gov.in.
3. The Regional Office (RO) shall submit its comments along with the necessary environmental safeguards as per the prescribed procedure.
4. In the event of any unforeseen circumstances where an application is placed before the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC)/State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) without the comments of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), the concerned RO shall submit its comments along with the required environmental safeguards to the concerned Authority through the prescribed registered e-mail.

If the comments could not be submitted before the meeting of the EAC/SEAC, the concerned RO shall invariably attend the meeting and present its comments along with the necessary environmental safeguards before the Committee.

This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect.

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Member Secretary

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1. **All Regional Officers, Gujarat Pollution Control Board….. For Information.**
2. **All Unit Heads, Gujarat Pollution Control Board….. For Information.**
3. **Unit Head, IT Branch, Gujarat Pollution Control Board….. For necessary action, including uploading this Circular on the GPCB website.**

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