



क्षेत्रीय निदेशालय (मध्य), भोपाल
केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
(पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार)

क्षे.नि.भो./पी.सी.(छ.ग.)/2021-22/884

दिनांक: 01 नवंबर, 2021

प्रति,

सदस्य सचिव
छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मण्डल
पर्यावरण भवन, नॉर्थ ब्लॉक, सेंक्टर-19,
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विषय: क्षेत्रीय निदेशालय (मध्य) में प्राप्त शिकायती पत्र के संबंध में अनुवर्ती कार्यवाही बाबत ।

संदर्भ: 1.बोर्ड मुख्यालय के ईमेल दिनांक 8.10.2021 व 22.10.2021

2. इस कार्यालय का पत्र क्रमांक 819 दिनांक 18.10.2021

महोदय,

कृपया उपरोक्त संदर्भित ईमेल व संलग्न पत्र का अवलोकन करने का कष्ट करें, सुलभ संदर्भ हेतु शिकायती पत्र की छायाप्रति संलग्न है उक्त ईमेल के माध्यम से श्री उत्कर्ष जैन अधिवक्ता द्वारा उनके पक्षकार श्री बजरंग अग्रवाल व राजेश त्रिपाठी की ओर से जामगाँव क्षेत्र में एम.एस.पी. स्टील उद्योग से होने वाले पर्यावरण प्रदूषण की समस्या, फ्लाइ ऐश के उचित प्रबंधन ना करने व इसके कारण क्षेत्रवासियों के स्वास्थ्य पर होने वाले प्रतिकूल प्रभाव का उल्लेख किया है।

अतः आपसे निवेदन है कि प्रकरण में संबन्धित अधिकारी द्वारा वरीयता के आधार पर कार्यवाही सुनिश्चित करवाने का कष्ट करें तथा जानकारी शिकायतकर्ता सहित इस कार्यालय को भी यथाशीघ्र उपलब्ध कराने का कष्ट करें, ताकि मंत्रालय/मुख्यालय को इस बाबत सूचित किया जा सके।

भवदीय

संलग्नक: उपरोक्तानुसार ।

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Fwd: Regarding serious violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited in operation of Integrated Steel Plant at Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

2 messages

Pentani Jagan <cpcb.bhopal@gov.in>

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 10:54 PM

To: ANOOP CHATURVEDE JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT <anoop.cpcb@nic.in>, anoop chaturvedi <anoopc1974@gmail.com>

Please take necessary action on priority

From: utkarshjgu@gmail.com

To: "Public Complaints" <prc.cpcb@nic.in>

Cc: hocecb@gmail.com, "Pentani Jagan" <cpcb.bhopal@gov.in>

Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 12:44:52 AM

Subject: Re: Regarding serious violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited in operation of Integrated Steel Plant at Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

Respected Mr. Pentani,

This is a gentle reminder regarding action to be taken by your office regarding the trailing mail concerning a public grievance regarding M/s MSP Steel, Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. On behalf of Mr. Bajrang Agarwal and Rajesh Tripathi, I look forward to providing you with all the factual information regarding non-compliance of environmental laws by this industry. To that end, please share the details of action taken till date concerning these violations.

Best regards,

Utkarsh Jain, Advocate

On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 1:40 PM Public Complaints <prc.cpcb@nic.in> wrote:

Sir,

I am directed to forward a trailing complaint for investigation and necessary action, under intimation to this office, please.

Regards

From: "Chairman CPCB" <ccb.cpcb@nic.in>

To: "Member Secretary CPCB" <mccb.cpcb@nic.in>, "Public Complaints" <prc.cpcb@nic.in>

Sent: Monday, September 6, 2021 9:59:58 AM

Subject: Fwd: Regarding serious violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited in operation of Integrated Steel Plant at Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

From: utkarshjgu@gmail.com

To: "Bhim Singh" <raigarh.cg@nic.in>, hocecb@gmail.com, "Rakesh Chaturvedi" <pccf-fhq@cg.gov.in>, "cgpcfc forest" <cgpcfc.forest@gmail.com>, "IRO Raipur" <iro.raipur-mefcc@gov.in>, cnpandey@iitgn.ac.in, "Mr. Sundar Ramanathan" <dirind-moefcc@gov.in>, "Sundar Ramanathan" <r.sundar@nic.in>, ccflmcc@yahoo.com, "Bhupender Yadav" <mefcc@gov.in>, "Kushal Vashist" <kushal.vashist@gov.in>, "CEO CHIIPS" <ceochips@nic.in>, "Chairman CPCB" <ccb.cpcb@nic.in>

Cc: savitarath2205@gmail.com, "pk dey" <pk.dey@mspsteel.com>, contactus@mspsteel.com

Sent: Sunday, September 5, 2021 8:46:40 PM

Subject: Regarding serious violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited in operation of Integrated Steel Plant at Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

Respected Sir/Madam,

Greetings, and I hope you and your families are safe.

1. We are concerned citizens of Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. We have been working on environmental and social issues in this area since many years.
2. This representation is with respect to an integrated steel plant being operated by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited ('company'). Within the integrated steel plant complex, this company has been running various operations including sponge iron plant, steel melting shop, sinter plant, blast furnace, iron ore beneficiation and pellet plant, coal washery, rolling mill, and a thermal power plant.
3. This is to bring to your notice that this company is at present operating in complete violation of various environmental laws, including the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, along with various rules, guidelines and notifications issued by the Government under these laws.
4. This company has been **dumping massive quantities of coal ash and solid waste from its plant near its premises illegally**, which is also settling all across Jamgaon, and causing tuberculosis among citizens, polluting water streams, harming cattle, and creating various complex public health and environmental issues. Lethal trace metals in coal ash (including **carcinogens and neurotoxins** such as arsenic, boron, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, lead, lithium, mercury, molybdenum, selenium, and thallium) dumped illegally is entering soil, air, and water of jamgaon, having serious and long lasting ramifications which will impact future generations of citizens of Jamgaon. These issues have been extensively reported by local media, and succinctly summarized by Harsh News in this video.
5. The company is dumping coal ash and solid waste in a dense shrubland, and adjacent to forest area, as is clearly visible on google maps. The highly biodiverse hemgir forest range, where the critically endangered black panther has also been spotted, is also proximate to these forest areas. As a result of this illegal activity, the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board had issued a closure notice to this company on 1.2.2021. Following is an excerpt from the closure notice which verifies the serious violations mentioned with respect to dumping of ash:

"Huge amount of fly ash was found stored improperly near the industry premises at village Manuapali ...

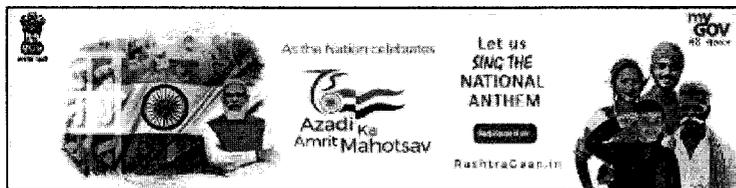
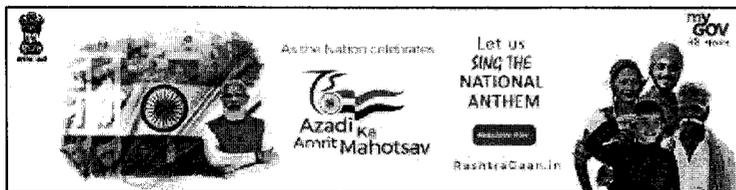
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Industry is violating environmental norms and affecting environment adversely. Industry is not complying with conditions incorporated in the consent granted u/s 21 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and subsequent renewals."

6. That coincidentally, the Chattisgarh Environment Conservation Board that issued the closure notice in fact extended the consent granted to this company under the Air and Water Acts via two letters both dated 24.2.2021. According to these letters, extension has been granted from 1.2.2021 (i.e the date on which the plant was asked to be shut down) to 31.1.2024 and 31.7.2025.
7. That the company is also directly polluting water streams in and around the plant premises, directly impacting health of citizens as well as livestock kept by them. The severe air pollution caused via the plant chimneys is causing extensive damage to the entire ecology and agricultural economy of Jangaon. The company also refuses to hire local people as per news reports.
8. The plant continues causing untold pollution and harm to public health despite the above laws, rules, notifications, conditions, and notices and stringent action must be taken against the senior management of M/s MSP Steel & Power Ltd., under civil and criminal environmental legal provisions and other laws as deemed appropriate by the authorities. Further, exemplary monetary penalty must be imposed on the company for continuing and intended damage to public health and environment.

Sincerely,
Utkarsh Jain, Adv

On behalf of
Bajrang Agarwal, Paryavaran Mitra (94252 50449)
Rajesh Tripathi, Jan Chetna (94241 83510)



Regards,

P. Jagan
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Central Pollution Control Board
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To: anoop chaturvedi <anoopc1974@gmail.com>, ANOOP CHATURVEDE JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANT <anoop.cpcb@nic.in>

Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 4:51 PM

for n/a pls

From: utkarshjgu@gmail.com

To: "Public Complaints" <prc.cpcb@nic.in>

Cc: hocecb@gmail.com, "Pentani Jagan" <cpcb.bhopal@gov.in>, "Chairman CPCB" <ccb.cpcb@nic.in>, "Member Secretary CPCB" <mscb.cpcb@nic.in>, "Bhupender Yadav" <mefcc@gov.in>, "Kuldip Narayan IAS" <kuldip.narayan@gov.in>, "Ravi Agrawal" <ravi.agrawal@nic.in>, "Bhim Singh" <raigarh.cg@nic.in>, "GOMATI SAI" <gomati.sai@sansad.nic.in>, prakashnaik74@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 3:13:08 PM

Subject: Re: Regarding serious violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel & Power Limited in operation of Integrated Steel Plant at Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

Respected Mr. Pentani,

This is a gentle reminder pursuant to our phone conversation earlier this week about the blatant violations of environmental laws by M/s MSP Steel and Power Limited, Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh. As communicated earlier by the CPCB head office, please direct for a comprehensive investigation on this plant and impose or direct for imposition of stringent environmental compensation and closure on the same.

Further details and proof of violations are already annexed with the trailing emails.

Best regards,

Utkarsh Jain, Advocate

On behalf of Bajrang Agarwal and Rajesh Kumar Tripathi

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021, 12:07 PM Utkarsh Jain <utkarshjgu@gmail.com> wrote:

Respected Mr. Pentani,

This is a gentle reminder regarding action to be taken by your office regarding the trailing mail concerning a public grievance regarding M/s MSP Steel, Jamgaon, Raigarh, Chhattisgarh (red category industry causing the maximum pollution load as per CPCB classification). On behalf of Mr. Bajrang Agarwal and Rajesh Tripathi, I look forward to providing you with all the factual information regarding non-compliance of environmental laws by this industry. To that end, please share the details of action taken till date concerning these violations. I have also copied this mail to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Learned District Collector, Raigarh, Hon'ble Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly representing the people of Jamgaon, and the CPCB Head Office.

I am reattaching the complaint against M/s MSP Steel at Jamgaon, Raigarh below. Please note that even without carrying out any procedure under the EIA Notification for expansion, this industry has already started expanding its facilities. The CPCB has directed the Chhattisgarh ECB to take action but no action has been taken till date. Please take stringent action against this industry in light of the continuing and blatant violation of environmental laws since almost two decades:

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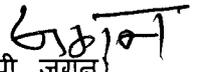
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