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Sub:- Closure Order of M/s Rice Husking Mill, Khag, Beerwah, District, Budgam.

Order No. : 177 JK PCC of 2024

Dated : 04/10/2024

Whereas, no activity having bearing on environment can be taken in hand without prior consent of the J&K Pollution Control Committee as warranted under **Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974** and **Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981** ; and

Whereas, **Rice Husking Unit** is categorized as **Green Category** activity on the basis of pollution potential, for the purpose of seeking the consent from the J&K Pollution Control Committee and

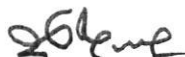
Whereas, **M/s Rice Husking Mill, Khag, Beerwah-Budgam** has been set up and put into operation **without obtaining consent** from the J&K Pollution Control Committee in flagrant violation of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974** and the **Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981** and operation of the unit with present status can prove detrimental to human health and environment; and

Whereas, complaints against the operation of the unit have also been received from the local residents of the area for causing pollution in the area and these complaints have been verified and found genuine; and

Whereas, the unit holder was accordingly served with repeated notices, particularly notice dated 03-05-2024, calling upon him thereunder to show reasons as to why legal action including closure of his unit be not taken but the unit holder failed to show any tenable response to the notices, besides, failing to take measures to meet the requirements of laws governing environmental protection; and

Whereas, the Regional Director, PCC Kashmir while confirming the report of Divisional Officer, PCC Budgam, has recommended closure of the unit vide his No. PCC/ROK/LS/24/Clo/60-61 dated 26-07-2024; and


Whereas, the above said Unit cannot be allowed to operate with above status as the operation can prove detrimental for human health and environment besides, being in flagrant violation of laws governing environmental protection.



Now, therefore, in view of the above stated reasons and in exercise of powers vested with J & K Pollution Control Committee under Section 33 (A) of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are hereby issued:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Budgam** is directed to close down the **M/s Rice Husking Mill, Khag, Beerwah-Budgam** immediately.
- ii. Director Industries and Commerce, **Kashmir** is directed to de-register the unit, if registered.
- iii. Executive Engineer, (KPDCL), **Budgam** is directed to disconnect the electric supply to unit immediately.
- iv. **Bashir Ahmad Rather, Prop. M/s Rice Husking Mill, Khag, Beerwah-Budgam** is directed to cease the operation of Unit forthwith.

Issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.


(Ghansham Singh) JKAS 4.10.24
Member Secretary
J&K Pollution Control Committee
Jammu/Srinagar.

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Copy to the:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Budgam** for information and necessary action.
- ii. Director Industries and Commerce, **Kashmir** for information and necessary action.
- iii. Regional Director, PCC, **Kashmir** for information and follow up action.
- iv. Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Development Corporation Ltd. (KPDCL), **Kashmir** for information and necessary action.
- v. Executive Engineer, (KPDCL) **Budgam** for information and necessary action.
- vi. Divisional Officer, PCC, **Budgam** for information and with the direction to follow up and get the closure order implemented through District Administration.
- vii. I/c Web site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order
- viii. **Bashir Ahmad Rather, Prop. M/s Rice Husking Mill, Khag, Beerwah-Budgam** for compliance.