Office Order

The Hon’ble Supreme Court has directed the Board vide order dated 23/08/2016, in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) no. 110/2006, People’s Rights & Social Res. Centre & Others V/s Union of India and others, to take steps to close down non-complaint quartz grinding industries after inspection and verification of the action taken regarding implementation of the recommendations made by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The Hon’ble Supreme Court had allowed time of ten weeks for the same.

Accordingly, the work of inspection of quartz grinding industries is going on priority basis. As per prevailing delegation of powers, Regional Officers are competent to revoke/ refuse consent to establish and consent to operate of the quartz grinding industries whereas, powers to confirm directions under section 31A/ 33A are delegated to the Chairperson.

The number of quartz grinding industries is very large (approx. 1800) and time available for completing the task to ensure compliance of the directions of the Hon’ble Supreme Court is short. As per present delegation of powers, the procedure of confirmation of directions at the Head Office level, after refusal/ revocation of consent to operate by Regional Officer, may be time consuming.

In order to ensure compliance of Hon’ble Supreme Court order dated 23/08/2016 in time and to avoid procedural delay, in supersession to all previous orders, the powers to revoke/ refuse CTO and issue directions under section 31A/ 33A to quartz grinding industries is hereby delegated to Regional Officers for the compliance of directions dated 23.08.2016 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) no. 110/2006, People’s Rights & Social Res. Centre & Others V/s Union of India and others.

This bears approval of the competent authority.

(K.C.A. Arun Prasad)
Member Secretary

Copy to following for information and/ or necessary action:-

1. P. S. to Chairperson, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur.
2. Sr. P. A. to Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur.
3. Chief Environmental Engineer, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Jaipur with request to put up agenda in the next Board meeting for ex-post facto approval in this regard.