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Order No. : 120 JK PCC of 2023

Dated : 27/10/2023

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** and **Section 21** of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974** and **Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981** respectively.

Whereas, for meeting the prescribed standards for sewerage generated by **Hotels/Guest Houses**, with **<20 rooms**, the facility of Septic Tank / Soakage Pit is mandatory as per the guidelines of Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, the Hon'ble NGT vide its order dt.14-12-2021 in **O.A. No. 338/2021** has directed that no pollution due to discharge of effluents and dumping of garbage of Bang Ganga River at Katra be allowed to operate without meeting environmental norms and having consent from the Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, **M/s Dharma Guest House, Main Bazar Katra -District Reasi** is operational in flagrant violation of above said requirements of law and necessary pollution control devices/pollution control measures in the shape of Septic Tank is not in place and continued operation of the Guest House can prove detrimental to human health and environment.

Whereas, repeated notices were served upon the owner of the Guest House, latest on **02-02-2023** calling upon him there under to show reasons as to why legal action including closure of his hotel be not taken for violation of law.

Whereas, the owner of the Guest House has failed to show any response, besides failing to take measures to meet the requirements of laws governing environmental protection.


Whereas, fresh inspection of the Guest House was carried out by the Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Reasi on **03-07-2023**, reported that the status of the Guest House remains unchanged and Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee Jammu vide letter No. **PCC/RDJ/O/1648-49** dated **17-08-2023** confirmed the report of Divisional Officer, PCC Reasi and accordingly recommended for closure order.

Whereas, the Guest House in question 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 exercise of powers vested in the J & K Pollution Control Board 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**, read with **Environment (Protection) Act, 1986** immediate closure of Guest House under the name and style of **M/s Dharma Guest House, Main Bazar Katra -District Reasi** is hereby ordered and in this behalf the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Reasi** is directed to close down **M/s Dharma Guest House, Main Bazar Katra -District Reasi** immediately.
- Director Tourism **Jammu** is directed to deregister the hotel, if registered
- Executive Engineer, JPDC, Electric Division, **Reasi** is directed to disconnect the electric supply to above said Guest House immediately.
- (Prop.) **M/s Dharma Guest House, Main Bazar Katra -District Reasi** is directed to cease the operation of the Guest House forthwith.

As approved by the Competent Authority.


(K. Ramesh Kumar), IFS
Member Secretary
JK PCC Jammu

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Copy to the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Reasi** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Regional Director, PCC, **Jammu** for information and follow up action within a fortnight and has reference to his letter No. **PCC/RDJ/O/23/1648-49** dt. **17-08-2023**.
- Chief Engineer, Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd. (JPDC), Canal Road, **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Director Tourism **Jammu** for information and necessary action.
- Executive Engineer, JPDC, Electric Division **Reasi** for information and necessary action.
- I/c web site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order
- Prop. **M/s Dharma Guest House, Main Bazar Katra -District Reasi** for information.