

Order No. : 141 JK PCC of 2023  
Dated : 23 /11/2023

Whereas, no activity having bearing on environment can be taken in hand, without prior consent of the 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, banquet halls are required to meet the effluent/sewage standards prescribed under Environment Protection Act by having STP of required capacity in place in the Banquet Hall.

Whereas, a complaint received from the Hon'ble LG's Grievance Cell against the operation of **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace, Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** which has been verified on ground as genuine.

Whereas, the Banquet Hall under name and style of **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace, Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** is operational in flagrant violation of above said requirements of law as its owner has failed to obtain consent from the JK Pollution Control Committee, besides failing in having STP of required capacity in place and functional.

Whereas, the owner of the Banquet Hall were accordingly served with notices latest on **22-08-2023**, calling upon him there under to show reasons as to why legal action including closure of his banquet hall be not taken for violation of law.

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

Whereas, the Hon'ble NGT vide its order dt. 17-12-2019 in O.A. No. 400/2017 has directed that no Banquet Hall be allowed to operate without meeting environmental norms and having consent from the Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, fresh inspection was carried out by the Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Jammu (South) on **September, 2023**, reported that the status of the Banquet Hall remain unchanged and Regional Director Pollution Control Committee, Jammu vide letter No. **PCC/RDJ/Consent-O/23/2327 dt.16-10-2023** confirm the report of the Divisional Officer, PCC Jammu (South) and accordingly recommended for closure order.

Whereas, the Banquet Hall 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 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**, read with **Environment (Protection) Act 1986**, immediate closure of Banquet Hall under the name and style of **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace, Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** is hereby ordered and in this behalf, the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Jammu** is directed to get the **Banquet Hall** established/operated under the name and style of **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace, Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** closed immediately.
- Executive Engineer, Power Development Corporation Ltd.(PDCL) Electric Division-II, Gandhi Nagar **Jammu** is directed to disconnect the electric supply to the above said Banquet Hall.
- Chief Engineer, **PHE Jammu** is directed to disconnect the water supply to the above said Banquet Hall.
- Mr. Sukhdev Singh, Prop. **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** is directed to cease the operation of the Banquet Hall forthwith.

**By Order of the Competent Authority.**

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

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Copy to the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Jammu** 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/Consent-O/23/4839-40 dt.23-01-2023**.
- Chief Engineer Electric & Maintenance (PDD) canal road, **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Chief Engineer, PHE **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Executive Engineer, Power Development Corporation Ltd.(PDCL) Electric Division-II, Gandhi Nagar **Jammu**
- I/c web site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order.
- Prop. **M/s Mahalakshmi Palace Opp. Govt. School Deoli Bishnah, Jammu** for information.