



Order No. : 148 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 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 Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) 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 Durga Bhawan (Dharamshalla), Panthal Road, 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 / Soakage Pit are not in place and continued operation of the Dharamshalla can prove detrimental to human health and environment.

Whereas, repeated notices were served upon the President of Hotel/Dharamshalla, latest on **09-02-2023** 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 President of the Dharamshalla has failed to show any response, besides failing to take measures to meet the requirements of laws governing environmental protection.

Whereas, fresh inspection was carried out by the Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Reasi on **01-08-2023**, reported that the status of the Dharamshalla remains unchanged and Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee Jammu vide letter No. **PCC/RDJ/O/23/1654-55** dt.18-08-2023 confirmed the report of Divisional Officer, PCC Reasi and accordingly recommended for closure order.

Whereas, the Dharamshalla 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 Dharamshalla under the name and style of **M/s Durga Bhawan (Dharamshalla), Panthal Road, Katra-District Reasi** is hereby ordered and in this behalf the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Reasi** is directed to close down **M/s Durga Bhawan (Dharamshalla), Panthal Road, Katra-District Reasi** immediately.
- Director Tourism **Jammu** is directed to deregister the Dharamshalla, if registered
- Executive Engineer, Electric Division (JPDCL), **Reasi** is directed to disconnect the electric supply to above said Hotel/Dharamshalla immediately.
- President, **M/s Durga Bhawan (Dharamshalla), Panthal Road, Katra-District Reasi** is directed to cease the operation of the hotel 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/22/1654-55** dt.18-08-2023.
- Chief Engineer, Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd. (JPDCL), Canal Road, **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Director Tourism **Jammu** for information and necessary action.
- Executive Engineer, Electric Division (JPDCL), **Reasi** for information and necessary action.
- I/c Web-site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order
- President, **M/s Durga Bhawan (Dharamshalla), Panthal Road, Katra-District Reasi** for information.