



ORDER No.: 152 JKPCC of 2023
DATED : 24/10/2023

Whereas, no activity having bearing on environment can be taken in hand without prior consent of the Pollution Control Committee 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, Band Saw Mill is classified in **Orange** category on the basis of its pollution potential, for the purposes of obtaining consent from the Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, **Mr. Ashraf Ali** has set up and put in operation a **Saw Mill** at **Village Damor, Link Road, Jakh, Samba** under the name and style of **M/s Shah Timber Traders** in flagrant violation of the above stated laws that too without adequate pollution control devices/ pollution control measures.

Whereas, a complaint from Mohd Ayub Choudhary against the operation of the Saw Mill has also been received through Hon'ble LG's Grievance Cell bearing No. **999004134128** for causing pollution in the area and the complaint has been verified on ground as genuine.

Whereas, the owner of the Saw Mill were accordingly served with repeated notices, particularly notice dated **18-08-2023**, calling upon him there under to show reasons as to why legal action including closure of his unit be not taken.

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

Whereas, latest inspection of the Saw Mill was carried out by the Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Samba (South) on **12-10-2023**, reported that the status of the Saw Mill remain unchanged and accordingly Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee Jammu vide letter No. **PCC/RDJ/GGC-23/2023/2328 dt. 16-10-2023** recommended the closure of the Saw Mill .

Whereas, the Saw Mill in question cannot be allowed to run un-authorized with above status and to the detriment of human health and environment.

Now therefore in exercise of powers vested in the J & K Pollution Control Committee under **Section 33(A)** of the **Water** (Prevention and Control of Pollution) **Act, 1974** and **31 (A)** of the **Air** (Prevention and Control of Pollution) **Act, 1981** read with **Section 5** of the **Environment** (Protection) Act, 1986, immediate closure of **Saw Mill** of **Mr. Ashraf Ali**, under the name and style of **M/s Shah Timber Traders, Village Damor, Link Road Jakh, Samba** is hereby ordered and in this behalf the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Samba** is directed to get the **Saw Mill** of Mr. Ashraf Ali, under the name and style of **M/s Shah Timber Traders, Village Damor, Link Road Jakh, Samba** closed immediately.
- Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Development Corporation (PDCL), Electric Division **Samba** is directed to disconnect the electric supply to the above said unit immediately.
- Mr. Ashraf Ali Prop. M/s Shah Timber Traders, Village Damor, Link Road Jakh, Samba** is directed to cease the operation of the Saw Mill forthwith.

By order of the Competent Authority.

(K. Ramesh Kumar), JFS
Member Secretary
JKPCC, Jammu.

No:-JKPCC/LSJ/7320791/2023/797-802

Dated:-24/10/2023.

Copy to the:-

- Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate Samba for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Jammu for information and follow up action within fortnight and has reference to his letter No. **PCC/RDJ/GGC-23/2023/2328 dt. 16-10-2023** .
- Chief Engineer, Power Development Corporation (PDCL), Jammu for information and necessary action under intimation.
- Executive Engineer, Jammu Power Development Corporation (JPDC), Electric Division **Samba** for inf. and compliance.
- I/c Web site Pollution Control Committee, Jammu for uploading the closure order.
- Mr. Ashraf Ali Prop. **M/s Shah Timber Traders, Village Damor, Link Road Jakh, Samba** for information and compliance.