

Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee

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Order No. : 277JK PCC of 2024

Dated : 15/02/2024

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, Rice Mill is categorized as **Green Category** activity on the basis of pollution potential, for the purpose of seeking the consent from the JK Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, **Sh. Saqib Rafiq Kelam** has set up and put in operation a Rice Mill under the name and style of **M/s Rice Husking Mill at Malikpora Verinag-District Anantnag** in flagrant violation of above said requirements of law without obtaining consent from the J&K Pollution Control Committee, and operation of the Rice Mill with present status can prove detrimental to human health and environment.

Whereas, pressing complaints against the operation of the Rice Mill have been received from LG's Grievance Cell, which stands verified at ground as genuine.

Whereas, notices was served upon the Rice Mill owner, (**on 11-12-2023**) calling upon him to show cause as to why legal action including closure of his Rice Mill be not taken for violation of environmental laws.


Whereas, the owner of the Rice Mill has failed to respond to the notice, 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 Anantnag on **27-12-2023**, revealing that the status of the Rice Mill remained unchanged. Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee Kashmir vide letter No. **PCC/ROK/LS/24/09-10** dated **13-01-2024** confirmed the inspection report of Divisional Officer, PCC Anantnag and accordingly recommended it for closure.

Whereas, the Rice Mill 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 with 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**, the following directions are hereby issued:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Anantnag** is directed to close down the Rice Mill of **Sh. Saqib Rafiq Kelam** under the name and style of M/s **Rice Husking Mill at Malikpora Verinag-District Anantnag** immediately.
- ii. *Director Industries and Commerce, Kashmir* is directed to deregister the rice mill, if registered
- iii. *Executive Engineer, (KPDCL) Electric Division, Anantnag* is directed to disconnect the electric supply to above said Rice Mill immediately.
- iv. *Executive Engineer, PHE, Anantnag* is directed to disconnect the water supply to the above said Rice Mill immediately.
- v. **Sh. Saqib Rafiq Kelam (Prop.) M/s Rice Husking Mill at Malikpora Verinag-District Anantnag** is directed to cease the operation of the Rice Mill forthwith.


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Vasu Yadav
Chairman

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Copy to the:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Anantnag** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- ii. Regional Director, PCC, **Kashmir** for information and follow up action within a fortnight, in reference to his letter No. **PCC/ROK/LS/24/09-10** dated **13-01-2024**.
- iii. Chief Engineer, Kashmir Power Development Corporation Ltd. (KPDCL), Kashmir for information and necessary action under intimation.
- iv. Chief Engineer, PHE **Kashmir** for information and necessary action under intimation
- v. Director Industries and Commerce, **Kashmir** for information and necessary action.
- vi. Executive Engineer, (KPDCL) Electric Division, **Anantnag** for information and necessary action.
- vii. Executive Engineer, PHE Division **Anantnag** for information and necessary action.
- viii. Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee **Anantnag** for information and with the direction to follow up and get the closure order implemented through District Administration.
- ix. I/c web site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order
- x. **Sh. Saqib Rafiq Kelam Prop. M/s Rice Husking Mill at Malikpora Verinag-District Anantnag** for compliance.