

Jammu and Kashmir Pollution Control Committee

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ORDER No. : 308 JK PCC of 2024
Dated : 15 /02 /2024

Whereas, Consent to operate was issued to **M/s Vaishno Brick Kiln, Kot Ghari - Jammu** with validity period upto **31-03-2023**, thereafter the owner of the Brick kiln has failed to renew the consent as envisaged 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, Brick Kiln is categorized as **Orange Category** activity on the basis of pollution potential, for the purpose of seeking the consent from the JK Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dt. **02-02-2024** in O.A.No.594 of **2022** titled Syed Riyaz Versus Union Territory of J&K & Ors. directed to close down the brick kilns operating without consent from the Pollution Control Committee.

Whereas, the Brick Kiln under the name and style of **M/s Vaishno Brick Kiln, Kot Ghari - Jammu** is in operation in flagrant violation of above said requirements of law without getting consent renewed from the J&K Pollution Control Committee, and operation of the Brick KILN with present status can prove detrimental to human health and environment.

Whereas, notice was served upon the Brick Kiln owner, (on **08-12-2023**) calling upon him to show cause as to why legal action including closure of his Brick Kiln be not taken for violation of environmental laws.

Whereas, the owner of the Brick Kiln 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 Jammu (North) in **January, 2024**, revealing that the status of the Brick Kiln remained unchanged. Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee Jammu vide letter No. **PCC/RDJ/SA/O/3458-59** dated **19-01-2024** confirmed the inspection report of Divisional Officer, PCC Jammu (North) and accordingly recommended it for closure.

Whereas, the Brick Kiln 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.

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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, **Jammu** is directed to close down the brick kiln of **Shri Rumi Kumar**, under the name and style of **M/s Vaishno Brick Kiln, Kot Ghari - Jammu** immediately.
- ii. *Director Industries and Commerce, Jammu is directed to deregister the Brick Kiln, if registered*
- iii. *Executive Engineer, (JPDC) Electric Division, Jammu is directed to disconnect the electric supply to above said Brick Kiln immediately.*
- iv. Executive Engineer, **PHE**, Jammu is directed to disconnect the water supply to the above said Brick Kiln immediately.
- v. **Shri Rumi Kumar**, (Prop.) **M/s Vaishno Brick Kiln, Kot Ghari - Jammu** is directed to cease the operation of the brick kiln forthwith.

Vasu Yadav

Chairman

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Copy to the:-

- i. Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- ii. Regional Director, PCC, **Jammu** for information and follow up action within a fortnight, in reference to his letter No. **PCC/RDJ/SA/O/2024/3458-59** dated **19-01-2024**.
- iii. Chief Engineer, Jammu Power Development Corporation Ltd. (JPDC), Canal Road, **Jammu** for information and necessary action under intimation.
- iv. Chief Engineer, PHE Jammu for information and necessary action under intimation
- v. Director Industries and Commerce, **Jammu** for information and necessary action.
- vi. Executive Engineer, (JPDC) Electric Division, Jammu for information and necessary action.
- vii. Executive Engineer, PHE Division Jammu for information and necessary action.
- viii. Divisional Officer, Jammu (North) for information and with the direction to follow up and get the closure order implemented through District Administration.
- ix. I/c Nodal Officer, NGT PCC Jammu for information and necessary action.
- x. I/c web site Pollution Control Committee **Jammu** for uploading the closure order
- xi. **Shri Rumi Kumar**, Prop. **M/s Vaishno Brick Kiln, Kot Ghari - Jammu** for compliance.