

Government of Jammu and Kashmir J&K POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

Jammu/Kashmir



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Order No: 16 PCC of 2023 Dated: 99 /09/2023

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, **Brick Kiln** is categorized as **Orange Category** activity on the basis of pollution potential, for the purpose of seeking the consent from the JK PCC.

Whereas, M/s Ihahara Brick Kiln, Baihama-Kulgam has been set up and put it in operation in violation of above stated laws that too bereft of adequate pollution control devices/measures.

Whereas, the <u>unit holder</u> was accordingly served with repeated <u>notices</u>, particularly notice dated 14-09-2021, calling upon him there under to show reasons as to why legal action including closure of his unit be not taken.

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

Whereas, Regional Director, JK PCC vide his communication No. PCC/ROK/LS/23/68-69 dated 11-08-2023 has recommended closure of above said Brick Kiln.

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar vide its order dated 16-06-2023 in WP(C) No. 1590/2023 titled Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat V/s UT of J&K & Ors has directed to close down the brick kilns without consent in District Kulgam.

Whereas, the unit in question cannot be allowed to run un-authorizedly with above status and to the determent of human health and environment.

Now, therefore in exercise of powers vested in the J & K Pollution Control Committee under Section 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and in compliance to Hon'ble High Court of J&K, Srinagar, order dated 16-06-2023 as mentioned above, immediate closure of M/ Ihahara Brick Kiln, Baihama-Kulgam is hereby ordered and in this behalf the:-

- i). Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate, Kulgam is directed to get the M/s Ihahara Brick Kiln, Baihama-Kulgam, closed immediately.
- ii). Director Industries & Commerce, Kashmir for deregistering the unit.
- iii). Sh. Ab. Qayoom, Prop. M/s Ihahara Brick Kiln, Baihama-Kulgam is directed to cease the operation of the unit forthwith.

As approved by the Competent Authority.

No:-JK PCC/LSK/ 2-> LOG-STO Dated: \$2-409/2023.

Copy to the:-

 Deputy Commissioner/ District Magistrate Kulgam for information and necessary action, under intimation.

ii). Regional Director, PCC, Kashmir for information and follow up action within fortnight.

iii). Director Industries & Commerce, Kashmir for information and necessary action.

iv). In-Charge web site PCC Jammu for uploading the closure order.

v). Sh. Ab Qayoom, Prop. M/s Ihahara Brick Kiln, Baihama-Kulgam for compliance.