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CIRCULAR

Sub: Revised Timelines for Grant / Refusal of Consent under Ease of Doing Business Reforms.

Ref: 1. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. 84 (E) dated 29/01/2025 regarding revised timeframe for grant or refusal of consent.
2. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's Circular No. BO/MPCB/AS(T)/Circular/B-250428-FTS-0035 dated 28/04/2025 regarding implementation of the MoEF & CC Notification.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India has issued the Notification No. 84(E) dated 29/01/2025, wherein timeframe for grant or refusal of consent was specified as 30, 60, 90 and 120 days depending upon the category of industry i. e. Green, Orange and Red and nature of consent i. e. Consent to Establish, Consent to operate and Renewal of consent. Accordingly, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) has issued Circular on 28/04/2025 for the implementation of the said notification.

MPCB has carried out comprehensive review of MPC Board's consent mechanism. Accordingly, in line with the Government of India's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) reforms and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, MPCB has taken several initiatives like auto-renewal mechanisms for compliant industries, exemption of site inspection for all Green category industries to streamline and strengthen the consent management system.

MPCB has undertaken a detailed review of certain industries and service sectors activities which are presently not included in White Category of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) categorization. Accordingly, MPCB has identified 850 numbers of additional left out industrial activities for inclusion under White Category and submitted to CPCB for consideration.

Further, MPCB has undertaken a detailed review of essential environmental services for management of waste generated from domestic / household activities which are presently either identified under RED / ORANGE / GREEN category or not included in the categorization. Accordingly, MPCB has identified 08 numbers of additional new activities for inclusion under BLUE Category taking the total environmental services to 17 and submitted to CPCB for consideration.

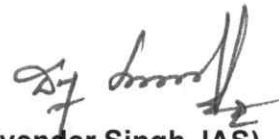
With a view to further improving the consent mechanism, MPCB conducted study visits to several Pollution Control Boards during December 2025. The study focused on understanding best practices adopted by other Boards in reducing consent timelines, strengthening scrutiny processes, leveraging digital tools, and managing high volumes of applications.

Now, in line with the Government of Maharashtra's Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) reforms, it has been decided to implement the following revised reduced timeline for grant / refusal of consent.

Sr. No.	Category	Existing timeline for grant of consent as per MoEF & CC Notification (In days)	Revised Timeline (In Working days)
1	Green	Consent to Establish - 30 Consent to Operate - 30 Renewal of Consent - 30	15
2	Orange	Consent to Establish - 45 Consent to Operate - 60 Renewal of Consent - 60	24
3	Red	Consent to Establish - 60 Consent to Operate - 90 Renewal of Consent - 120	40

This Circular will supersede the earlier circular issued vide dated 28/04/2025 (other provisions made for the penal fees stated in the said Circular shall remain unchanged) and shall come into the force with immediate effect.

All technical officers of the Board are hereby directed to ensure the strict implementation of this circular for processing of applications and grant / refusal of the consents.


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