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No. BO/MPCB/MS/Circular/B-69

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Strict Compliance with Timelines for Processing & Disposal of Consent Applications – reg.

- Ref:** 1) Earlier Circular wrt strict compliance with timeline for processing & disposal of consent application vide No. B-30 dated 29/07/2025.
 2) Circular issued by the Board regarding revised timeline for processing and disposal of consent application vide No. BO/AST/EoDB/ B-68 dtd 23/02/2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, GOI has issued Notification No. G.S.R 84 (E), dated 29th January 2025, wherein MoEF & CC has stipulated strict guidelines regarding Consent Disposal Timeframe & Lapse Resolution Mechanism for Red, Orange and Green Category Industries/Plants.

Board has recently issued the Circular regarding revised timeline for processing and disposal of consent application in line with the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) vide No. BO/AST/EoDB/ B-68 dtd 23/02/2026.

In view of the above, all officers of the Board are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the following timelines for processing and disposal of applications at their respective levels.

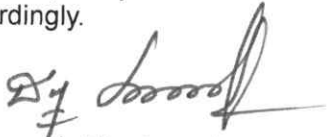
Category & Application Type	Stage	Step Details	Within Max Working Days	Total working days by Stagewise	Total working days
Green Category applications: (Timeline 15 days)	SRO	Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO	1	6 days at SRO level	15 days
		Mandatory scrutiny	1		
		FO shall process the application and submit to SRO	3		
		If under purview of SRO, the SRO shall grant consent	10		
	If application is under purview of RO/HOD/CC/CAC cell, the SRO shall submit to concerned authority	1			
	RO	RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO	1		

		FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO	6	9 days at RO level	15 days	
		RO to dispose off the application	2			
	HQ		Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO	1	9 days at HQ level	15 days
			FO shall process the application and submit to HOD	6		
			HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)	2		
Orange Category applications: (Timeline 24 days)	SRO	Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO	1	9 days at SRO level	--	
		Mandatory scrutiny	2			
		FO shall process the application and submit to SRO	5			
		SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell)	1			
	RO	RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO	2	15 days at RO level	24 days	
		FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO	10			
		RO to dispose off the application	3			
	HQ	If granting authority HOD:			15 days at HQ level	24 days
		Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO	2			
		FO shall process the application and submit to HOD	10			
		HOD shall dispose the application	3			
	If granting authority CC/CAC:	Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO/SRO	2	15 days at HQ level	24 days	
		FO shall process the application and submit to HOD	2			
		HOD shall submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)	1			
Final disposal of application by concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)		10				
Red Category applications (Timeline 40 days)	SRO	Received application shall be marked by SRO to concerned FO	2	12 days	--	
		Mandatory scrutiny	2			
		FO shall process the application and submit to SRO	6			
		SRO shall submit to concerned granting authority (RO/HOD/CAC cell)	2			
	RO	RO purview applications to be marked to concerned FO	2	28 days	40 days	
		FO of RO shall process and submit the application to RO	21			
		RO to dispose off the application	5			
	HQ	If granting authority HOD:		28 days	40 days	
		Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO/SRO	2			
		FO shall process the application and submit to HOD	21			

	HOD shall either dispose the application or submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)	5		
	If granting authority CC/CAC:		28 days	40 days
	Received application shall be marked by HOD to concerned FO/SRO	2		
	FO/SRO shall process the application and submit to HOD	5		
	HOD shall submit the application to concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)	1		
	Final disposal of application by concerned granting authority (CAC/CC)	20		

This Circular will supersede the earlier circular issued vide dtd 29/07/2025 w.r.t. strict compliance with timeline for processing & disposal of consent application and shall come into the force with immediate effect. All Officers of the Board are hereby directed to scrupulously implement this circular.

Timelines are maximum limit. However, all Officers should try to complete the process before time. Failure to comply with the prescribed timelines will attract disciplinary action. All concerned officers are directed to take serious note of this and act accordingly.


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 Member Secretary

Copy submitted for information to:

- Hon'ble Chairman, MPCB, Sion, Mumbai
- Hon'ble Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

Copy for necessary action and implementation to:

- All HODs, all ROs, all SROs & all FOs

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- EIC:- They are directed to make the necessary changes in the IMIS system for auto generation of email to concern immediate next higher authority as per the delegation of power of consent immediately.