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OFFICE ORDER

The Govt. of Odisha in F & E Department letter No. FE-ENV2-ESTT-0001-2018-16473/F&E, dtd. 20.10.2020, has been pleased to convey the approval for creation and establishment of 02 additional Regional Offices at Bolangir and Koraput in addition to the existing 12 Regional Offices of the SPC, Board, Odisha,

Due to opening of two Regional Offices, jurisdiction of existing Regional offices has been redefined for existing Regional Offices of SPC Board at Rayagada, Sambalpur and Berhampur,

In view of the above and in supersession of all previous orders issued on this score, the Chairman, SPC Board, Odisha has been pleased to approve jurisdiction, various functions role & responsibility and powers of Regional Officer of all the 14 nos. of Regional Offices of the Board as under-

(A) Jurisdiction of 14 nos. of Regional Office :

SL. NO.	REGIONAL OFFICE	JURISDICTION (Revenue Dist.)
1	Angul	Angul and Dhenkanal
2	Balasore	Balasore, Bhadrak and Mayurbhanj
3	Berhampur	Ganjam, Nayagarh and Kandhamal,
4	Bhubaneswar	Puri and Khurda
5	Bolangir	Bolangir, Subarnapur, Boudh and Nuapada,
6	Cuttack	Cuttack
7	Jharsuguda	Jharsuguda and Himgiri Block of Sundergarh district
8	Kalinga Nagar	Jajpur
9	Keonjhar	Keonjhar
10	Koraput	Koraput, Nabarangpur and Malkangiri
11	Paradeep	Jagatsinghpur and Kendrapada
12	Rayagada	Rayagada, Kalahandi and Gajapati
13	Rourkela	Sundergarh (Except Himgiri Block) and Deogarh
14	Sambalpur	Sambalpur and Baragarh

(B) Functions of the Regional Offices :

The Regional Officers of the Board shall discharge following functions-

- i) Plan Comprehensive programme for prevention and control of pollution for the area under the jurisdiction of the Regional Office concerned.
- ii) Regularly monitor the effluent emission and waste generation and disposal from industries, Mines and other units in the region.
- iii) Verify and monitor compliance to the consent and authorization conditions of Industries, Mines, Urban Local Bodies, Health Care Units, and other units in the region, cover under the consent and authorization administration of the Board.
- iv) Receive and evaluate the consent application, (both for CTE / CTO) and take appropriate decision (grant / refusal) on the applications of the units for which power is delegated to the Regional Officer from time to time.
- v) Monitor and evaluate the Municipal Solid Waste generated in ULBs within the region. The Regional Officer shall make necessary recommendation for grant of authorization to Urban Local Bodies to the Board's Head Office.
- vi) Monitor the ground water quality around the authorized land fills for Municipal Solid Waste disposal.
- vii) Verify the compliance to the conditions of hazardous waste authorization granted to the industries and recommend necessary action in case violation are observed.
- viii) Monitor and verify the status of compliance to the state of bio medical waste management practice in the Health Care Unit falling within the region and also make necessary recommendation for grant or refusal of authorization, in case of violation of rules for necessary action.
- ix) Address the grievances of the local people arising out of environmental pollution in the region.
- x) Co-ordination with the district level authorities on issuance of environmental pollution within the jurisdiction.
- xi) Discharge of responsibilities under RTI Act, 2005.
- xii) Discharge of responsibilities under MO SARKAR.
- xiii) Any other responsibility for implementation of environmental laws and assigned by the Board from time to time.

(C) Responsibility of Regional Officers:

In orders to carry out the above functions the Regional Officer has to carry out the following responsibilities.

- i) The Regional Officer shall be responsible for overall management of his/ her office and the staff working under his/her jurisdiction.
- ii) The Regional Officer shall plan appropriate monitoring and compliance verification program for region falling within his/her jurisdiction.
- iii) The Regional Officer shall assign responsibilities to all the officer and staff working under him/her.

- iv) The Regional Officer shall take decision on the application of consent and authorization for which power has been delegated to him/her
- v) The Regional Officer shall attend all the programmes and visits of various dignitaries committees and visit of senior officers of MoEF, CPCB, F&E Dept. and SPCB.
- vi) The Regional Officer shall furnish information to the Boards Head Office on Assembly and Parliament Questions including issue / observations raised by various Parliament and Assembly Committees.
- vii) The Regional Officer shall provide guidance to the regulated units (i.e Industry, Mines, ULBs, HCU's etc) to adopt appropriate pollution control measures
- viii) Depending upon the prevailing local condition RO may recommend for prescription of stringent standard for industries, mines etc.
- ix) The Regional Officer shall initiate legal action against the defaulting units for which he/she has been authorized file prosecution cases or issue directions in accordance with relevant provisions of law.
- x) The Regional Officer shall be responsible for smooth management of Regional Laboratory and shall ensure that it is in complete readiness for analysis of samples.
- xi) The Regional Officer shall be the Coordinator for the Public Hearings to be conducted in their region unless instructed otherwise.
- xii) The Regional Officer shall attend relevant meetings and remain in constant touch with the District Authorities and render necessary advice and assistance to the District Authorities in the matter of environmental pollution within their respective jurisdiction
- xiii) Regional Officer shall develop a system of grievances redressal to address the public complaints on environmental matters within their jurisdiction.
- xiv) The Regional Office shall act as a public office for his / her jurisdiction under the Right to Information Act, 2005. The Regional Officer shall appoint Public Information Officer for his/her office. The Regional Officer himself / herself shall function as the first Appellate Authority in the matters relating to RTI Act, 2005.
- xv) The Regional Officer shall transact all financial business and ensure timely submission of record of accounts.

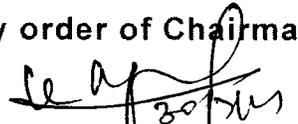
(D) Power of Regional Officers:

The Regional Officers are vested with the

- i) Power of entry and inspections under sub-section (1) of section 23 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Sub-Section (1) of Section 24 of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- ii) Power to take samples for analysis under sub section 1 of section 21 of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution Act, 1974 and sub-section (1) of Section 26 of the Air (Prevention & control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

- iii) Power to obtain information under subsection (i) of Section 20 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, and Section 25 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- iv) Power with regard to Grant/Refusal of "Consent to Operate" and other orders issued from time to time in connection with enforcement to different industries, establishments etc.
- v) Regional Officers shall lodge complaints under the provision of Section 15 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- vi) For the purpose of inspection and collection of samples the Regional Officers are authorized to sign the required notices as prescribed under Rule 19 and 23 of Odisha Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rule, 1983, and Rule 5 (2) and Rule 8 of Odisha Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rule, 1983.
- vii) The Regional Officers are declared as Drawing and Disbursing Officers in pursuance of Board's Office Order No.12771 Dtd.01-05-1995.

By order of Chairman


Member Secretary

Memo No 10684 Dt. 30.07.21

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Member Secretary