

APPEAL NO. 1W OF 2010

2. 10.05.2010

In terms of our order dated 6.3.2010, a memo. is filed on behalf of the Board enclosing therewith a brief note on the Policy Guidelines for Rice Mills and Chuda Mills regarding treatment of waste water along with status of the rice mills operating within the residential areas in Sambalpur district.

2. Heard Shri P. K. Routray, learned counsel for the appellant, and Shri B. P. Pattajoshi, learned Law Officer of the respondent-State Pollution Control Board. We also perused the note filed by the Board today.

3. It is indicated that the Board is following the guidelines formulated by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) while stipulating the consent conditions under the Water (PCP) Act, 1974 and Air (PCP) Act, 1981 in respect of Rice Mills and the said guidelines of the CPCB is also followed in respect of Chuda Mills. It is suggested by the Board that since the appellant-unit, which is a Par-boiled Rice Mill, is located inside the residential area and does not possess adequate land, it must install full-fledged biological treatment system as per the guidelines of the CPCB.

4. It is also indicated that as per the guidelines of the CPCB, Rice Mills are required to install cyclone/bag filter to control air pollution. So far as the appellant-rice mill is concerned, as per the aforesaid guidelines, two more cyclone and/or bag filters in paddy separation and milling section are required to be installed.

5. Learned counsel for the appellant at this stage submits that given some time, the appellant shall install the full-fledged biological treatment system as well as cyclone/bag filter. We, therefore, direct that after the full-fledged biological treatment system as well as cyclone/bag filter are installed by the appellant, the Board shall grant consent to operate the unit as expeditiously as possible.

6. In terms of our direction requiring the Board to indicate the total number of Chuda and Rice Mills running within the residential areas of Sambalpur district and whether they are maintaining the norms, a list of rice mills is furnished along with the brief note vide Annexure-1 indicating therein that the guidelines of the CPCB stipulated in the consent conditions of the Board has not been followed by different rice mills in the residential areas of Sambalpur district. Shri Pattajoshi also submits on instruction from Dr.A.K.Swar, Senior Environmental Engineer of the Board, who is present in court today, that some of the rice-mill owners are not adhering to the guidelines of the CPCB even if that is a condition in the consent.

Let the Board make an effort to enforce the guidelines of the CPCB uniformly while giving consent so also in respect of the mills which are operating without adhering to the guidelines of the CPCB. The action taken by the Board in this regard be placed before this

Authority on 19.6.2010, when this matter shall be taken up.

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Justice B.P. Das,
Chairman

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Prof. M.C. Dash,
Member

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S. M. Pattanaik
Member