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Due to the COVID’19 pandemic situation most of the industries / units in the State are temporarily not in operation. Some of these have applied for issue of consents. However the applications are on hold as the same could not be inspected in view of them being non-operational thus the applications are getting piled up resulting in backlogs. Also the site inspection of the operational industries is also not recommended in view of the current situation due to COVID 19.

Therefore considering the above and also the risk of getting infected by the current pandemic, The case of all the units irrespective of the categories the applications be processed with internal reports (without carrying out inspections) wherever applicable and grant the Consents with certain conditions as the case may be in the following manner.

1. The units that have applied for fresh Consent to Operate may be granted Consent for a period of six months with a condition to inform the Board on resumption of the operation and / or apply for renewal on expiry of the Consent validity/consider site inspection on resumption of normal situation.

2. The units that have applied for Renewal of the Consent to Operate and have no complaints / Court matter / non compliance history, etc. against the unit be granted Consent for full eligible validity with a condition to inform the Board on resumption of the operation and on issue of the Consent the file is to be forwarded for carrying out performance study of the STP and / or emission monitoring and / or noise level monitoring wherever applicable.

3. In case the unit is having complaints / Court matter / non compliance history, etc., then the Consent be granted for 6 months validity with a condition to
inform the Board on resumption of the operation and / or apply for renewal on expiry of the Consent validity.

4. Applications received for fresh Consent to Operate from the unit of small green category industries like guest house having rooms upto 10 nos. may be granted Consent for full validity.

5. The application received for obtaining authorization under the various rules may be processed and granted with full validity.

6. In case of Consent to Establish applications, temporary structures like shacks and cottages, restaurants and guest houses having rooms upto 10 nos. and the units are in Industrial Estate shall be processed with internal reports and the Consent may be granted.

7. For all other CTE applications the site is required to be inspected as the case may be.

8. The complaints received under various matters are to be inspected provided that it falls under the purview of the Board, with intimation to the complainant to remain present and accompany the inspection team for the said inspection. In view of the vague and incomplete complaints or complaint not related the Board, the same may be forwarded to the concerned departments / authorities, etc. with an intimation to the complainant.

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