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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Sub: PPCC – 183rd Meeting of the Puducherry Pollution Control
Committee held on 26.02.2026 - Minutes – Communicated.

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The minutes of the 183rd Meeting of the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee held on 26.02.2026 in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretariat, Puducherry is enclosed for information.



(Dr. N. RAMESH)
MEMBER SECRETARY
PPCC

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Agenda Item No. I - Confirmation of the Minutes of the 182nd PPCC meeting held on 23.12.2025.

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 182nd PPCC meeting held on 23.12.2025.

Agenda Item No. II: Cases for consideration for Issue of Consent to Establish

Agenda Item No.1: Issue of Consent to Establish (Expansion) to M/s. Poclain Hydraulics Pvt. Ltd, Kothapurinathani Road, Thiruvandarkoil Village, Puducherry for production enhancement.

The Committee discussed the proposal in detail. After due deliberation, the Committee decided to accord Consent to Establish (Expansion) for enhancing the production capacity of Hydraulic Motors from 1, 20,000 No/Annum to 2, 30,000 Nos/Annum and manufacturing additional product Hydraulic Pumps – 18,000 No/Annum with enhancement of power from 7038 HP to 8532 HP with following conditions:

- i. The unit shall obtain approval from Pondicherry Ground Water Authority for additional extraction of ground water from the bore well.
- ii. The unit shall adopt sustainable water management practices and carry out water auditing study and submit report to PPCC.
- iii. The additional sewage water generated shall be treated in the existing Sewage Treatment Plant.
- iv. The additional trade effluent generated shall be treated in existing Effluent Treatment Plant.
- v. The Project Agency shall apply and obtain necessary amendment in the authorisation, under the provisions of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
- vi. In paint booth operation the unit shall revamp with necessary suitable air pollution system like paint entrainment filters to filter out entrained paint particle and activated carbon filter / scrubbers to absorb solvent fumes / (Volatile Organic Compounds) vapours before letting out to atmosphere.

Agenda Item No 2: Ex-post facto approval for Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s. Sudarshan Silicates at R.S.No.118/1D, Ariyur, Villianur Commune, Puducherry.

The Committee discussed the subject in detail. The committee after due deliberation accorded Ex-post factor clearance for CTE granted to M/s. Sudarshan Silicates.

Agenda Item No. 3: Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s Mahe College of Nursing, Chalakara, Mahe, U.T of Puducherry.

The committee discussed the proposal in detail. The Committee after due deliberation decided to accord approval for the establishment of the M/s Mahe Nursing College at Chalakara, Mahe with the following conditions;

- (i) The domestic waste water generated from the Mahe College of Nursing shall be treated in the existing Effluent Treatment Plant installed and in operation at Mahe Institute of Dental Sciences and the treated waste water shall be used for gardening after necessary compliance of the discharge standards stipulated under the EP Rules, 1986.
- (ii) The Unit shall obtain necessary permission from the Puducherry State Ground Water Authority for the enhancement of the ground water intake from the existing tube well

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to meet the requirements and submit a copy to the PPCC. Until then the unit shall procure 34 KLD of water through private supply.

- (iii) The Institute/Management shall obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the competent authority, i.e., SEIAA, for any new or additional construction proposed in the said area where the total built-up area is $\geq 20,000$ sq.m and up to 1,50,000 sq.m, or as may be specified under the EIA Notification, 2006 and its subsequent amendments.
- (iv) The DG set of 200 KVA shall meet the noise and emission standards prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 and shall be provided with the integral acoustic enclosure. A stack of appropriate height shall be provided for the dissemination of the Particulate matter and Gaseous pollutants.
- (v) Retrofit shall be provided to the DG sets of capacity 125 kVA to 800 KW with an Emission Control Device/Equipment having a minimum specified Particulate Matter capturing efficiency of at least 70% tested as per 5 mode D2 cycle specified in ISO-8178 part 4. For diesel power generating set engines, the emission control device has to be type approved as per CPCB system and procedure for emission compliance Testing of Retro-fit Emission Control Devices (RECDs) or shifting to gensets meeting emission norms as per GSR804(E) dated 03.11.2022 or as amended.

Agenda Item No. 4: Issue of CTE for Enhancement of Production of “MS Billets -100TPD to 165 TPD (59400TPA) “to M/s.Meenakshi Steels, located at Thethampakkam, Puducherry.

The details of the proposal was presented before the Committee by the Project Proponent and discussed the subject. The Committee noted the following:

- (i) The unit is already producing “MS Billots-100TPS” with the existing crucible of 10Tons/cycle and Proposes to enhance production capacity to 165TPD by reducing the liner of the existing crucible and reducing the cycle time from 2.5hrs to 1.5hrs, with an additional power requirement of 300KVA and without change in water requirement.
- (ii) This is achieved by reducing the MS scrap and adding MS Graded Scrap (thus melting time is reduced from 2.5hrs to 1.5hrs). Slag generated is also considerably reduced, accounting to only 15.35Tons for the whole production capacity of 165TPD.
- (iii) The unit has a STP of 15 KLD capacity and the 8.0KLDdomestic waste water generated is treated in the existing STP.
- (iv) To mitigate the air pollution generated, the unit has provided hood, duct and ID fan with sufficient suction capacity and the dust is collected after passing through Cyclone separator and Bag filters (emissions are let out through stack of height 30mts).Fugitive emission is very much mitigated by providing dog house arrangement.
- (v) Ambient and Stack Monitoring was carried out by NABL accredited laboratory and the report dated 17.10.2025 revealed that all the Parameters are within the prescribed standard limits.
- (vi) On line Continuous Stack Emission Monitoring System (OCSEMS) is connected to the server of PPCC to ensure seamless transfer of data to the server of PPCC. The report was assessed by the Committee and found that the values are within the prescribed standard limits.
- (vii) EC is not required for MS billets production capacity of less than 60000TPA.
- (viii) It was decided in the 44th PPCC meeting held on 26.10.1999 and 56th PPCC meeting held on 24.05.2001 that no pollution potential units, viz., M.S. Ingots, Ferro Alloys, Calcium Carbides, Chlorates etc., will be considered and shall be refer to the Government, for approval.
- (ix) The Committee also noted that this is not a new proposal and the proposed enhancement is required to withstand in the competitive market of M.S. billets.

The Committee after due deliberation decided to refer to the Government for Approval with the following condition:

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- (i) The existing Air pollution control devices shall be upgraded suitably.

Agenda Item No. 5: Issue of Consent to Operate (Direct) to M/s. Vinayaka Missions Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal, for new Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and inclusion of the water requirements of the Medical College and allied buildings in the Water Consent

The Committee considered the proposal of the institution for inclusion of the newly commissioned Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and revision of water requirement and Sewage discharge in the Water Consent. The Committee examined the adequacy of the ETP and STP systems and noted that the treated wastewater complies with the prescribed standards, as per the latest DSTE-PPCC laboratory test reports dated 09.02.2026. The Committee further noted that the new STP had been inspected by the Technical Consultant and directed that senior officials of PPCC shall inspect the wastewater treatment facilities of the institute and stipulate additional conditions, if required, in the Water Consent to ensure continued compliance and improvement in environmental performance. After due deliberation, the Committee authorised the Chairman, PPCC to renew the Consent, subject to the following conditions, in addition to the standard consent conditions:

- (i) The treated wastewater shall continuously comply with the prescribed standards and shall be monitored on a monthly basis through a NABL-accredited laboratory. The analysis reports shall be submitted to PPCC regularly.
- (ii) A Continuous Online Effluent Monitoring System (COEMS) shall be installed at the final outlet of the STPs, integrated with flow measurement devices, and connected to the PPCC server, as per the technical specifications and directions issued by PPCC. The system shall be operated and maintained at all times.
- (iii) The treated wastewater shall be utilised only for toilet flushing, on-land gardening, green belt development and other non-contact uses, and no discharge outside the premises shall be permitted.
- (iv) The organic fraction of solid waste generated within the campus shall be treated in situ through Organic Waste Converter (OWC), bio-methanation plant and/or composting, in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time.

Agenda Item No.6: Ratification of Consent to Establish/ Operate (Renewal) issued to M/s. The Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd., No.13181, 2 & 134, Vazhudavour Road, Kurumbapet, Villianur Commune, Puducherry.

The Committee discussed the proposal in detail. After due deliberation, the committee approved the ratification and decided to accord Consent to Establish/Operate (Renewal) for inclusion of other dairy by-products in the Consent, enhancement in water consumption, and increase in wastewater discharge quantities, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The unit shall provide a wet scrubber as an Air Pollution Control System for the boilers within three months and ensure its proper operation at all times to meet the prescribed emission standards.
- (ii) The unit shall revamp the existing Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) within six months and submit the compliance report to PPCC. The unit shall ensure that the treated effluent complies with the Standards prescribed under Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. The treated effluent shall be reused for non-potable purposes within the premises.
- (iii) The unit shall install a separate Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for treatment of domestic wastewater within six months and submit the compliance report to PPCC. The unit shall ensure that the treated sewage complies with the prescribed discharge standards. The treated sewage shall be reused for non-potable purposes within the premises.
- (iv) The unit shall provide flow meters at the inlet and outlet of the Effluent Treatment Plant and Sewage Treatment Plant and record the readings daily in a log book. The unit shall

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- also install separate energy meters for the ETP and STP and record the energy meter readings on a daily basis.
- (v) The unit shall provide water curtain arrangements for the ammonia storage tank as a safety measure and maintain the system in operational condition at all times.
 - (vi) The unit shall dispose of the ghee residue only through authorized/certified piggery farms and maintain records of such disposal.
 - (vii) The unit shall dispose the bio-degradable waste through in situ bio-composting/ organic waste converters / bio-methanation within six months.
 - (viii) The unit shall obtain Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) authorization as a Brand Owner for plastic waste, in accordance with the Plastic Waste Management Rules, as amended.
 - (ix) The unit shall not carry out any expansion, modification, or change in manufacturing process, production capacity, or pollution control systems without prior approval of the PPCC.
 - (x) The unit shall ensure water sustainability by implementing adequate water conservation measures, minimizing fresh water consumption, and maximizing reuse of treated wastewater.

GENERAL AGENDA

General Agenda Item No. 1: Strengthening of manpower in the Pollution Control Committee – Creation of essential posts in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and NGT for effective enforcement of environmental legislation.

The Committee noted that the PPCC is having a skeletal man power structure which needs to be strengthened. As the Hon'ble NGT & Hon'bl Supreme Court in many of its orders has directed the states to strengthen the Institutional capacity for effective Enforcement of various Environment Acts and Rules and for monitoring the compliance status of various statutes.

The Committee after due deliberation, decided to constitute a Sub-Committee comprising the following members for examining the requirement of manpower strengthening and creation of essential posts in the Pollution Control Committee and also to refer the organisation structure of other smaller SPCBs / PCCs:

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| 1. Member Secretary, PPCC | – Chairperson |
| 2. Under Secretary (Envt) | - Member |
| 3. Superintendent (DSTE) | - Member |
| 4. Representative from CPCB, Regional Directorate | - Member |

The Sub-Committee shall examine the existing manpower position, assess the requirement of additional posts, financial implications and submit its recommendations to the Secretary (S,T&E) cum Chairman (PPCC) within a period of three months for obtaining necessary approval from the Govt of Puducherry.

General Agenda Item No.2: Implementation of the siting criteria in compliance with the Notification issued by the MoEF&CC – Control of Air and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 on criteria for establishment of Industrial Plant.

The Committee noted that during the 182nd PPCC meeting held on 23.12.2025 it was decided that all applications seeking CTE through OCMMS where relaxation of siting criteria is required shall be kept on hold. In the mean time the GoI has notified Control of Air and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026.

The Committee after due deliberation decided to adopt the guidelines prescribed under Control of Air and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026 Notified by the MoEF&CC w.r.t selection of location for establishment of the

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industries while processing the Consent to Establish application. Based on this Notification the embargo has been lifted.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Additional Agenda Item No. 1: Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s Public Health Division (PWD), Puducherry (Sithananda swamy PS-5) for Supply Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 1 MLD Brackish Water Desalination Plant (BWDP) at Sithananda swamy Pumping station-5, Puducherry.

The Committee discussed the proposal in detail. After due deliberation, the committee decided to accord Consent to Establish with following conditions:

- (i) The unit shall install and operate the desalination plant with high efficiency RO system and adequate pollution control measures to ensure no adverse environmental impact.
- (ii) The RO reject (brine) generated from the desalination process shall be disposed of only through the designated sewer / disposal system as proposed, ensuring no contamination of land, surface water, or groundwater.
- (iii) The unit shall ensure that no untreated wastewater is discharged into inland surface water bodies or on surrounding land under any circumstances.
- (iv) The unit shall provide flow meters at the inlet and outlet of the treatment plant and desalination plant and maintain records of water treated, permeate generated, and reject quantity.
- (v) The unit shall ensure proper handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals used in the treatment process in an environmentally sound manner with necessary safety measures.
- (vi) The unit shall dispose the waste liner bags/ containers from the water treatment chemicals through authorized person.
- (vii) The unit shall carry out the chemical characterization of the sludge and dispose the chemical sludge only through authorized person.
- (viii) The unit shall implement measures for minimizing water loss and maximizing efficiency of the desalination system.
- (ix) The unit shall provide adequate acoustic enclosures and implement necessary noise control measures for all noise-generating equipment including pumps, compressor and DG sets. The unit shall also explore the feasibility of providing acoustic treatment to the room housing the noise generating equipment/ machineries to minimize noise pollution.
- (x) The unit shall take adequate noise attenuation measures during the establishment of the plant to ensure that no noise nuisance is caused to the public during the operation phase and that ambient noise standards are complied with at all times. The unit shall ensure that the ambient noise levels comply with the prescribed standards for silent zones, i.e., 50 dB(A) during daytime and 40 dB(A) during nighttime.
- (xi) The unit shall carry out periodic noise monitoring on monthly basis and maintain records for verification by the PPCC.
- (xii) The unit shall comply with the provisions of Water Purification system (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023 which was enacted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Under Section 6 of the said rules, the responsibilities of water supply agencies viz., Local bodies, Public Health Engineering Department, Municipal Corporations, Jal Board, Municipalities, private and public sector agencies engaged in potable water supply, shall inform the consumers about the water sources and quality, including total dissolved solids concentration of water being supplied through billing instruments and also through public advertisement in newspaper and other mass media on regular basis.
- (xiii) The unit shall not commence operation without obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board.
- (xiv) The unit shall remit the consent fee based on Gross fixed asset of the project and water consumption for issue of Consent to establish.

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Additional Agenda Item No. 2: Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s Public Health Division (PWD), Puducherry (Brindavan) for Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Brackish Water Desalination Plant (BWDP) at Brindavanam Pumping Station Campus, Puducherry.

The committee heard the proposal of the project agency and discussed the subject in detail. After due deliberation, the committee decided to accord clearance to the proposal to issue Consent to Establish, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The unit shall install and operate the desalination plant with high efficiency RO system and adequate pollution control measures to ensure no adverse environmental impact.
- (ii) The feasibility of reuse of the RO reject generated from the desalination process sustainably, shall be explored, until which, the same shall be disposed of to the Gorimedu Drain, ensuring no contamination of land, surface water, or groundwater.
- (iii) The unit shall ensure that no untreated wastewater is discharged into inland surface water bodies or on surrounding land under any circumstances.
- (iv) The unit shall provide flow meters at the inlet and outlet of the treatment plant and desalination plant and maintain records of water treated, permeate generated, and reject quantity.
- (v) The unit shall ensure proper handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals used in the treatment process in an environmentally sound manner with necessary safety measures.
- (vi) The unit shall dispose the waste liner bags / containers from the water treatment chemicals through authorized person.
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- (x) The unit shall take adequate noise attenuation measures during the establishment of the plant to ensure that no noise nuisance is caused to the public during the operation phase and that ambient noise standards are complied with at all times. The unit shall ensure that the ambient noise levels comply with the prescribed standards, *i.e.*, 55 dB(A) during daytime and 45 dB(A) during nighttime.
- (xi) The unit shall carry out periodic noise monitoring on monthly basis and maintain records for verification by the PPCC.
- (xii) The unit shall comply with the provisions of Water Purification system (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023 which was enacted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Under Section 6 of the said rules, the responsibilities of water supply agencies viz., Local bodies, Public Health Engineering Department, Municipal Corporations, Jal Board, Municipalities, private and public sector agencies engaged in potable water supply, shall inform the consumers about the water sources and quality, including total dissolved solids concentration of water being supplied through billing instruments and also through public advertisement in newspaper and other mass media on regular basis.
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ADDITIONAL GENERAL AGENDA

Additional General Agenda Item No. 1: Revision and Finalization of Consent Fees in compliance with Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent Guidelines, 2025 issued under Air and Water Act for inclusion in Unified Consent and Authorization Management System (UCAMS).

The committee discussed the proposal in detail. The committee further noted that the proposal includes adoption of the consent fee formula prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board as per Second Schedule of Control of Air Pollution and Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025.

The Committee proposed incorporating a State Specific Factor (SSF) in the formula prescribed by CPCB, similar to the practice followed in other States such as Odisha, in order to provide a rebate in consent fees based on industry category and investment range. In this regard, as decided during the 182nd PPCC Meeting held on 24.12.2025, a Joint Committee was constituted to determine the appropriate SSF in consultation with the Directorate of Industries and Commerce.

The Committee noted the recommendations of the Directorate of Industries & Commerce and placed it before the 183rd PPCC meeting for decision. After deliberation, approval is accorded for inclusion of the following State Specific Factor (SSF) in the prescribed formula to support effective implementation of environmental regulations, strengthening of regulatory infrastructure, capacity augmentation, and implementation of the Unified Consent and Authorization Management System (UCAMS) and also decided to submit the proposal to Government of Puducherry for approval.

Sl. No	Categories of industries with capital investment range	State Specific Factor (SSF)
1.	Green categories industries,(upto Rs. 10 Crores)	0.5
2.	Green categories industries, (above Rs. 10 Crores to 50 crores)	0.35
3.	Green categories industries, (above Rs. 50 Crores)	0.30
4.	Orange categories industries (upto Rs. 10 Crores)	0.35
5.	Orange categories industries (above Rs. 10 Crores)	0.15
6.	Red categories industries (upto Rs. 10 Crores)	0.25
7.	Red categories industries (above Rs. 10 Crores)	0.10

The consent fee for all other sectors shall remain same as prescribed in the Guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Further, all other provisions and clauses stipulated in the Guidelines notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notification No. G.S.R. 84(E) dated 29.01.2025 and G.S.R. 85(E) dated 31.01.2025 shall be applicable as such.

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Sl. No	Name & Designation of member <u>Tvl.</u>		
1.	R. Smitha, I.A.S. Secretary to Government Science, Technology & Environment	--	Chairman
2.	H.D. Varalaxmi Regional Director Central Pollution Control Board (Representing Member Secretary)	--	Member
3.	Dr.S. Pradeepkumar, Scientist 'B', Regional Office-Chennai, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA, Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034.	--	Member
4.	Dr. G. Ragunathan DD IEC Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital & Post Graduate Institute (Representing Medical Superintendent)	--	Member
5.	Revenue Officer Oulgaret Municipality (Representing Commissioner)	--	Member
6.	Dr. M. P. Ramanujam Consultant Puducherry	--	Expert Member
7.	Dr. R. Saravanane Member Professor & Director (IPR) Department of Civil Engineering Puducherry Technological University		
8.	D. Subramanie Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (Representing Chairman)	--	Member
9	Senthil Kumar Technical Officer Department of Industries and Commerce (Representing Director)		
10.	A. Srinivasan Member Secretary Puducherry Ground Water Authority	--	Special Invitee

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11.	Kanagaraj Inspector of Factories and Boiler Puducherry	--	Special Invitee
12.	Dr. N. Ramesh Senior Environmental Engineer Department of Science, Technology & Environment	--	Member Secretary

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