केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवाय परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार SPEED POSTNISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA

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November 13, 2015

Mrs. Shweta Narayan No.92, 3rd Street, Thiruvalluvar Nagar Besant Nagar, Chennai - 600090

Information under the Right to Information Act - regarding Sub:

Your application dated 12/10/205 under the Right to Information Act Ref:

Sir,

This has reference to your above mentioned application No. nil dated 12/10/2015 which was received by this office on 16/10/2015 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). In this regard, the point wise information is as below:

Information with regard to Serial No.1:

CPCB proposed to have a meeting with NGO's on 23/11/2014 at CPCB, to discuss the issues pertaining to clean-up standards for remediation of mercury contaminated soils near the erstwhile M/s Hindustan Unilever Limited, Kodaikanal, TN, however, the said meeting could not be convened since the representatives have express their inability to attend the meeting. Copy of the letter dated 04/12/2014 issued by CPCB is given at Annexure-I.

Information with regard to Serial No.2, 3 & 5: ii.

CPCB has not conducted any meeting with stakeholders for fixing of standards for cleanup of contaminated sites at Kodaikanal. Further, CPCB has not sought participation of Scientist, Scientific bodies and members of TNPCB to advice on clean-up process. However, CPCB has participated in following meetings conducted by TNPCB:

- (a) Meeting of the Scientific Expert Committee (SEC) on the remediation of mercury contaminated soil at M/s Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), Kodaikanal was held on 28/05/2015 at TNPCB, Chennai.
- (b) Meeting with the members of Scientific Expert Committee, Local Area Committee and Central Pollution Control Board in the matter of remediation of mercury contaminated soil at M/s Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), Kodaikanal held on 30/9/2015 at TNPCB, Chennai.

Available documents on the aforesaid meeting are given at Annexure-II & III respectively.

Information with regard to Serial No.4 & 7: iii.

This office has not communicated with M/s Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), Kodaikanal in the matter of fixing of standards for cleanup of contaminated sites at Kodaikanai between January 10, 2010 to October 2015. The letter issued to TNPCB is enclosed at Annexure-IV. However, the applicant is invited to visit CPCB to go through the relevant file and access all the documents including the notings.

iii. Information with regard to Serial No.6:

Not applicable.

Yours faithfully.

Encl: As above

(8:Vinod Babu) AD & I/c HWMD (CPIO)

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December 04, 2014

To,

NGOs as per the list

Sub: Finalization of remediation standards for mercury contaminated site at the premises of M/s Hindustan Uniliver, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu

Sir,

This has reference to fixing of clean-up standards for remediation of mercury contaminated soils at the premises of erstwhile M/s Hindustan Uniliver Limited, Kodaikanal. The TN Pollution Control Board has forwarded the recommendations of the Expert Committee and sought concurrence of CPCB on the same. TNPCB has also informed that NGOs working in this area have raised objections to the recommendations of the said Expert Committee. In this regard, it was decided that a hearing be given to the representatives of NGOs on the proposed remediation standards.

In view of above, I am directed to invite you or your representative having the knowledge on the subject matter, for meeting with Member Secretary, CPCB on 23.12.2014 at 11.00 AM at the office of CPCB, Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

(B Vinod Babu) Sr.EE & I/c HWMD

Copy to:

 Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu SPCB, 100, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 100, TN

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