



SPEED POST

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December 11, 2019

To

The Regional Director
Zonal Office (South)
Central Pollution Control Board
1st & 2nd Floors, Nisarga Bhavan,
A-Block, Thimmaiah Main Road, 7th D Cross,
Shivanagar, (Opp. Pushpanjali Theatre)
Bengaluru-560010 (Karnataka)

Sub: VIP reference received from Hon'ble MP Lok-Sabha, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, concerning operation of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., Mettur-reg.

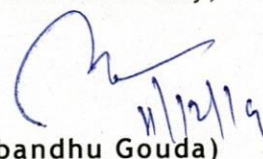
Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of letter dated December 04, 2019 from Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Gupta [Scientist 'F'/ Director(S)], MoEF & CC, HSM Division w.r.t VIP reference received from Hon'ble MP Lok-Sabha, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, concerning operation of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., Mettur vide letter dated October 21, 2019, which is self-explanatory in nature (enclosed).

You are, therefore, requested to kindly investigate the matter and submit the action taken report to this office by December 18, 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above


(Dinabandhu Gouda)
Addl. Director & DH- IPC-I

Copy to:

1. The Member Secretary
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600032
2. Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Gupta [Scientist 'F'/ Director(S)]
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jal 2nd Floor,
HSM Division, Jor Bagh, New Delhi - 110003


(Dinabandhu Gouda)



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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change
(HSM Division)

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Dated: December 4, 2019

Office Memorandum

Sub: VIP Reference received from Hon'ble MP Lok Sabha, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, concerning operation of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. Mettur - reg

Kind attention is invited to a VIP reference letter received from Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha (copy enclosed) on the subject cited above.

2. The Hon'ble MP has raised concerns over the operation of chemical plant of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., Mettur. The complaint mentions that the operation of referred industrial unit and expansion granted to the unit is a matter of grave public safety as the unit has been related to number of gas leakage incidents since its operation. The communication highlights that operations of the unit has resulted in poisoning of atmosphere of Mettur, Kunchandyur and Ramannagar.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that an inspection/ investigation report may be provided examining all the issues raised in the complaint, at the earliest, to apprise Hon'ble Minister (EFCC) and Hon'ble MP in the matter.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl. as above

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(Dr. Dharmendra Kumar Gupta)
Scientist 'F'/Director(S)

To,

1. The Chief Inspector of Factories, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai
2. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi
3. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai
4. The Regional Director, CPCB Regional Directorate, Bengaluru

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Forwarded for necessary action please

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SACAC: Copy to Mrs Aditi

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21.10.2019

Thiru Prakash Javadaker Avl.,
Hon'ble Minister Environment, Forests & Climate Change
Govt of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Vanakkam

Sub: Closure of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd – reg.

I wish to bring the following to your kind attention and necessary action.

The Revenue Administration staff has temporarily stopped the Plant – IV of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., after taking cognisance of the incident of indiscriminate release of Toxic Gas on 13.10.2019 and directing the management to halt the plant IV of Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. I would like to inform you that several incidents has taken place number of occasions in the past, due to release of toxic threatening Gases by the industry, affecting large number of people. Many incidents don't get noticed, as the Management influences the agencies. The chronological order of such toxic gas releases are as under:-

**Table Showing Toxic Gas Release Incidents By
Chemplast Sanmar Ltd**

Date	Brief of the incident.
07 Dec 2007	Toxic gas released by Plant –III and 8 residents from Mottur village got effected with Hospital Admission and 17 people got first Aid.
18 Jul 2014	Toxic Gas release incident 23 persons including 4 infants got admitted in Mettur GH. Some people took medical first aid as outpatients.
13 Oct 2012	Toxic Gas released where in 15 people got admitted in GH.

O/o J.S. (NK)
Dy. No. 242078
Date 11.11.19

O/o Director (DKG)
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One incident of year 2014 the General Manager – Mr Mathivanan along with 8 other staff got affected due accidental leak of Chlorine Gas and were bedridden for two weeks.

The above repeated incidents by M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd - Mettur is ultimately inducing slow poison among residents of Mettur, Kunchandyur and Ramannagar area of Mettur Taluk. In addition to indiscriminate release of toxic gases, the dumping and unscientific storage of hazardous chemical waste is another process of eradicating our future generations including children yet to be born and also present generations are being nurtured with this poison by the industrial activities of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. Mettur. The attitude of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd., Mettur - just profit with no regards to the Villagers of Mettur in connivance with statutory monitoring agencies in discriminate polluting of ground water / Air / Cauvery River will create a Village of cripples / cancerous with other irreversible birth disorders young generation.

There has been number of incidents where SO₂ gas releases / Hazardous Chemical mixed with water discharge reported over last two decades which followed with local population Hospitalisation and M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd drolling out penury compensations at the behest of TN Govt. revenue officials a number of times in the past. This act of the present elders of Villagers and Govt. Officials never realises the damages inflicted on the younger generations including those in womb of expectant mothers. Similarly M/s Chemplast Sanmar is also undertaking the supply of water to surrounding villages just pacify their act of polluting the Ground water through unscientific way disposing in unlined burial pits prior to year 2010 including mercury bearing sludge at the Western Side of Plant – III of Chemplast Sanmar Ltd Mettur. The leach Chemicals from these pits are further contaminating the Ground water / Vegetations etc. In short we would summarise that rampant disposal of Chemical effluents / Gases by Chemplast Sanmar Ltd Mettur in connivance with Couldn't care Govt monitoring agencies have denied our Constitutional Right of Article 21 guarantees Right to Clean Environment as a part of our right to life.

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In view the above we pray the following:-

1. Article 47, 48A & 51 -C could revisited and directed to be ensured for the Villagers of Mettur.
2. A special Environmental study team from reputed institute like IIT - Madras who cannot be influenced by the industry could be requisitioned for assessing the Environmental damage directly under the court supervision and affect on the village population residing near by . TNPCB monitoring systems could have been fudged/ influenced , due some of the undesirable elements in the system.
3. The water supply to the Ground water Polluted villages of Mettur is the prime responsibility of the Government, who failed to monitor rogue pollution activities of Chemplast Sanmar - Mettur , to be taken over by TWAD Board from the industry . The cost of operation to be levied to the polluting Industry.
4. Keeping in view of 1998 Govt . has imposition of ban on setting up of the specified 14 Categories of Highly Polluting / Hazardous Chemical manufacturing plants I with in 5KM rivers like Cauvery, the sanctions accorded after year 2000 to Chemplast Sanmar Ltd - Mettur in increasing the Capacity / Changing the products etc without public hearing could be reviewed immediately .
5. The existing Land fills especially per yr 2012 ones at Plant -III could be inspected with an independent agency under revenue supervision could be carried to asses the damage please.

Hence, I kindly request you to look into permanent closure of M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd at a densely populated place as Mettur Taluk, kindly take a sympathetic view of this plight as a suffering young generation of the state, especially when the World is focusing on Climate Change and our Governments are strong campaigners.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

(Dr DNV Senthilkumar S)



D.O. No.1-58/MEF&CC(355)/2019

Dated : 31st Oct., 2019

Dear Dr. S. Senthil Kumar Ji,

I have received your letter dated 21.10.2019 regarding "Closure of
M/s Chemplast Sanmar Ltd."

I am having the matter looked into.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Prakash
(Prakash Javadekar)

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