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By Speed Post

To,

1. Chief General Manager,
National Highway Authority of India (NHAI),
Regional Office, 58/37, Balbir Road,
Dehradun (Uttarakhand)
2. Shri Pramod Sharma,
Manager/ Director,
M/S R.C.C. / IDCL, Kaliyasaur,
NH-7 (Old-58), Kaliyasaur,
Pauri Garhwal (Uttarakhand)
3. Chief Engineer,
National Highway Project,
Public Works Department (PWD),
Yamuna Colony, Dehradun
(Uttarakhand)

Directions under Section-33(A) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

WHEREAS, the Central Government has made the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** and as per provisions of this Act every industry/Unit/Operation/Process is required to obtain consent from the **State Pollution Control Board**; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of protecting and improving the quality of environment and preventing and abating environmental pollution, the standards for discharge of environmental pollutants from the industries/operations or processes, have been specified under the **Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986**; and it is mandatory to every industries/operations or processes of keep their effluent quality within the specified norms; and

WHEREAS, the Central Government has constituted the National Mission for Clean Ganga taking measures for effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga and its tributaries; and

WHEREAS, a complaint has been made by the Chairman, Nagar Palika Parisad, Rudraprayag regarding illegal disposal of muck generated from widening/strengthening of National Highway- 7 (old-58) between villages *Lameri* to *Sumerpur* (Rudraprayag) directly into river Alaknanda particularly during night hours. The Complainant also enclosed photographs with complaint which are self explanatory; and

WHEREAS, as per section-24 of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as amended:

24. Prohibition on use of stream or well for disposal of polluting matter, etc.

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section-

(a) no person shall knowingly cause or permit any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter determined in accordance with such standards as may be


*laid down by the State Board to enter (whether directly or indirectly) into any
21[Stream or well or sewer or on land]; or*

*(b) no person shall knowingly cause or permit to enter into any stream any other
matter which may tend, either directly or in combination with similar matters,
to impede the proper flow of the water of the stream in a manner leading or
likely to lead to a substantial aggravation of pollution due to other causes or
of its consequences.*

WHEREAS, the matter of illegal disposal/dumping of muck into river Alaknanda and/ or other than the designated places i.e Muck Disposal Sites with inadequate preventive measures, is a matter of grave concern and may have adverse impact on river water quality as well as ecological health of riverine system. The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi also issued directions regarding safe disposal of muck generated from Chardham Project, time to time and it is the responsibility of concern authority(ies)/agency(ies) to ensure that muck so generated be disposed/dumped only at designated places with adequate preventive / mitigative measures as per stipulated guidelines. Despite of above, disposal of muck into river Alaknanda between villages *Lameri to Sumerpur* (Rudraprayag) is a matter of concern and attract violation of section-24 of the **Water (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as amended time to time.

AND NOW THEREFORE, in view of complaint made by Chairman, Nagar Palika Parisad, Rudraprayag and above observations; in exercise of the power conferred under **Section-33(A)** of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as amended thereafter, with approval of the Competent Authority of the Board, notice is hereby served to **Show Cause** within **30 days**, why compliant case should not be filed against the occupier(s) of above authority(ies)/agency(ies) due to illegal disposal of muck into river Alaknanda between village *Lameri to Sumerpur* (Rudraprayag). Reply along with Action taken report in this regard may send to this office within a month of issue of this notice.

In case of default in compliance with the above directions by the authority(ies)/agency(ies), the UEPPCB will be constrained to initiate appropriate actions against the occupier(s) of the authority(ies)/agency(ies) without giving any further notice, in accordance of section-41 of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** as amended time to time.


(S.P. Subudhi)
Member Secretary

Copy to:

1. **Chairman, UEPPCB, Dehradun** for kind information please.
2. **Program Director, SPMG-Namami Gange, 117-Indira Nagar, Dehradun** for kind information.
3. **Regional Officer, UEPPCB, Regional Office, Dehradun** for strict compliance of the directions.
4. Guard file.


Chief Environment Officer