

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Original Application No. 147 of 2020 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Smt.R. Prabha

..... Applicant

Versus

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Report of CPCB on mechanism adopted in framing the  
Guidelines for Poultry Farms

I, H.D. Varalaxmi, daughter of Shri. H. Devaiah, Hindu, aged about 52 years, having office at the Regional Directorate, Central Pollution Control Board, 2 Floor, 77-A, South Avenue Road, Ambattur Industrial Estate, Chennai – 600 058 do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows: -

That I am presently working as Scientist 'E' & holding the charge of Regional Director (Chennai), Central Pollution Control Board, (hereafter called as CPCB) have been authorized to file the report. I am fully conversant with the facts of the case and hence, competent and authorized to depose and present the report




DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

It is verified that the content of this report is based on the procedures followed in framing the Guidelines for Poultry Farms and nothing has been concealed therein.

Signed and verified on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 at Chennai



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**Mechanism adopted in drafting the Environmental Guidelines for Poultry  
Farms August, 2021 & January 2022**

1. Guidelines for Poultry farms were developed in the year 2015, which was applicable to poultry farms handling above 1.0 lac birds. As per CPCB classification of industrial sectors, 'Poultry, Hatchery and Piggery' are categorized into 'Green'.
2. In the matter of O.A. No. 681 of 2017, Hon'ble NGT, passed the following order on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020:

*'...Accordingly we allow this application and direct CPCB to revisit the guidelines for categorizing the poultry farms as Green category and exempting their regulation under Air, Water & EP Act. CPCB may issue fresh appropriate orders within three months and in if no further order is issued, all the State PCBs/PCCs will require enforcement of consent mechanism under the above acts after 01.01.2021 for all Poultry Farms above 5000 birds in the same manner as is being done for farms having more than one lac birds. Till then, even without such consent mechanism, the state PCBs/PCCs may strictly enforce the environmental norms and take appropriate remedial action against the any violation of water, air and soil standards statutorily laid down.'*

To comply with the Hon'ble NGT, following methodology adopted by CPCB:

- ❑ **Literature survey & collection of data:** Literature survey and collection of data collection of information through various stakeholders was done to get the details of best practice adopted in the Poultry Farms
  - ❑ **Field Study & Monitoring:** Field Study & Monitoring of selected Poultry Farms were done by CPCB, to assess Air, Ground water & Solid waste characteristics
  - ❑ **Constitution of Expert Committee:** CPCB has constituted an Expert Committee comprising members from Department of Animal Husbandry, ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Shri N.K. Verma, Ex. AD, CPCB, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board & Central Pollution Control Board.
  - ❑ **Preparation of draft Guidelines:** Based on the literature survey, collection of information through various stakeholders and in-depth studies carried out in various capacity of poultry farms, findings were present before the Expert Committee and accordingly the guidelines was framed in consultation with the Expert Committee
  - ❑ **Consultation with the stakeholder:** Draft guideline were shared with expert committee members/various stakeholder's to get their inputs/views/comments.
  - ❑ **Preparation of Final Guideline:** Based on field studies data, inputs of Expert Committee and comments of various stakeholders, guidelines were formulated.
3. In compliance of Hon'ble NGT order dated 16.09.2020 (OA No. 681 of

  
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2017), CPCB has issued Environmental Guidelines for Poultry Farms in August 2021 and as per these Guidelines, Poultry Farms handling birds above 25,000 at single location are required to obtain consent to establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO).

4. Subsequent to the aforesaid order, Hon'ble NGT (PB) in the matter of O.A. No. 320/2021 (Gauri Maulekhi Vs. Union of India & Ors) passed the following order on 10.12.2021

*"...Accordingly, we direct that while the impugned guidelines be immediately enforced, all poultry farms above 5000 birds will also be covered by the said guidelines latest from 1.1.2023. The siting criteria should apply to all consents/renewals hereafter for the above size of the poultry farms. CPCB may issue revised guidelines to all the State PCBs/PCCs in terms of the above order within one month.*

5. Complying with the Hon'ble NGT order 10.12.2021 revised Environmental Guidelines for Poultry Farms applicable to all poultry farms above 5000 birds were circulated to all SPCBs/PCCs in January 2022.

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