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To

M/s MGM Public School,
Phase 1, Urban Estate Dugri,
Ludhiana.

Sub:

Proceedings of the personal hearing given before Senior Environmental Engineer, Ludhiana on 19.01.2026 w.r.t. Show cause notice for violations of provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The following were present:

On behalf of Punjab Pollution Control Board

Er. Anish Sharma, EE, ZO-2, Ludhiana

On behalf of the school

Sh. Rajesh Gagneja, Teacher

Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana brought out that the school was visited by the officer of the Board on 12.03.2024 and it was observed that:

1. The school has approx. 1400 students.
2. The school had one chemistry lab and one D.G set had been installed which was equipped with canopy.
3. Solid waste was being lifted to unauthorized person as informed by the representative. The effluent was being discharged into sewer as informed by the representative.
4. The school had not made any MOU with e-waste recycler.
5. The school failed to submit any documentary proof regarding date of commencement, built up area and sewer connection during the visit. It was further intimated that the educational institutions fall under orange category with category code 2091 as per categorization of the industries.
6. The school had not obtained consent to operate under Water (Prevention & Control Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

Show cause notice was issued to the school vide Board's letter no. 401 dated 18.03.2024. No reply in this regard was received from school authorities. As such, the school authorities were violating the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The school was running its unit without obtaining consent to operate under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Thus, the school was violating the provisions of said Acts.

Show cause notice for violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued to the school with an opportunity of personal hearing before Senior Environmental Engineer Zonal Office-2 Ludhiana on 24.05.2024, wherein it was decided as under:

1. The school shall provide adequate treatment arrangement and disposal for effluent generated from their premises.

2. The school shall take adequate pollution control measures to control the air emissions from the premises of the school, provide adequate stack height / canopy to the D.G sets and shall comply with the provisions of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
3. The school shall apply, within 10 days, for consent to operate under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
4. The school shall apply for registration under the E-waste Management Rules, 2022 and also make compliance of the E-waste Management Rules, 2022.
5. The school shall ensure compliance of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and shall devise the ways & means to minimize the generation of all kind of wastes through REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE activities.
6. The school may also develop the vermicomposting/composting to manage the biodegradable solid waste. The school shall not throw, burn or bury any solid wastes in open, outside premises or in drain / water bodies.
7. The school shall ensure compliance of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.
8. The school shall ensure that no pressure horns are use on any of their vans / buses including outsourced buses.
9. The school shall ensure that there are no usages of plastic carry bags and single use plastic / thermocol disposable items such as water bottles / water pouches/water cups, plates, forks, spoons, straw etc. and single use decorating material made of plastic-thermocol or any other non-biodegradable material in the premises.
10. The school shall carry out awareness and perform / promote its activities as well as use of alternatives of single use plastics (SUP) and awareness to discourage use of plastic.
11. It was made clear to the school that in case it is again found violating the provisions of the Environmental laws, strict action may be taken as per law without any further notice/opportunity of personal hearing.
12. Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Ludhiana shall visit the school to verify the compliance and process the consent application of the school on merits.

The proceedings of aforesaid personal hearing were conveyed to the school vide letter no. 3657 dated 30.05.2024.

The school was visited by the officer of the Board on 04.03.2025 and it has been reported as under:-

1. The school had approx. 1250 students.
2. One D.G set had been installed which was equipped with canopy.
3. Solid waste was being lifted to unauthorized person as informed by the representative.
4. The effluent was being discharged into sewer as informed by the representative.
5. The school could not produce permission from GLADA/MCL during the visit.
6. The school had not made any MOU with e-waste recycler.
7. The school had not adopted vermicomposting/any other composting mechanism to manage the biodegradable solid waste being generated from the school.
8. No pressure horn was provided with the school vehicles.
9. No single use plastics item was observed during the visit.
10. The school had not obtained consent to operate under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, till date.

The school was not complying with the decision of personal hearing afforded to it on 24.05.2024. Thus, the school was violating the provisions of the said Acts, due to above said reasons.

Show cause notice for violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and E(P)A 1986 was issued to the school with an opportunity of personal hearing before Senior Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana on 09.05.2025 preponed to 08.05.2025, wherein it was decided that:

1. The Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Ludhiana shall visit the school to verify the contention of its Principal and submit report with conclusive recommendations.
2. Further action in the matter shall be taken after receipt of report from Regional Office-4, Ludhiana.

The proceedings of aforesaid personal hearing were conveyed to the school vide letter no. 3777 dated 10.06.2025.

The school was visited by officer of this office on dated 19.11.2025 and it was observed as under: -

1. The school was in operation during visit.
2. The school has approx. 1200 students.
3. The representative of the school has informed that the solid waste is being lifted to unauthorized person.
4. The effluent generated by the school is discharged into the sewer.
5. The school could not produce permission from MCL during visit.
6. No pressure horn was provided with the school vehicles.
7. The school has installed 01 D.G. set with canopy and adequate stack height.
8. The school has provided an open compost pit for its biodegradable waste.
9. The school has not obtained registration under the E-waste Management Rules, 2022, also no such waste was found generated at the time of visit.
10. No single use plastic items were observed during the visit.
11. The school had not obtained consent to operate under Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The school is violating the provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1976 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The matter was considered by Competent Authority of the Board and it has been decided to initiate action against the school by issuing Show cause notice for violations of provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 with an opportunity of personal hearing.

Accordingly, show cause notice for violations of provisions of Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 was issued to the school with another opportunity of personal hearing before Senior Environmental Engineer, Ludhiana on 19.01.2026.

Sh. Rajesh Gagneja, Teacher of the school attended the hearing and informed that all shortcomings as observed during visit by officers of the Board will be rectified within 10 days and the school will apply for obtaining consent to operate under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981, during the same period. He further, ensured to comply with all environment laws.

Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-II, Ludhiana brought out that earlier the school was issued Show cause notice was issued to the school vide Board's letter no. 401 dated 18.03.2024. No reply in this regard was received from school authorities. Show cause notice for violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 with an opportunity of personal hearing before Senior Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana on 24.05.2024 and again Show cause notice for violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and E(P)A 1986 was issued to the school with an opportunity of personal hearing before Senior Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana on 08.05.2025, wherein the school was directed/ guided to comply with the provisions of all environmental laws. But the school has failed to comply with the decisions of the personal hearings, till date.

After hearing, the Teacher of the school and officer of the Board, the Senior Environmental Engineer of the Board decided as under:

1. The school shall rectify all shortcomings and obtain all requisite documents/ permissions, within 10 days.

2. The school shall provide adequate treatment arrangement and disposal for effluent generated from their premises, within 10 days.

3. The school shall immediately apply for obtaining consent to operate under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1981, after obtaining the requisite documents/ permissions. It has been made clear to the school, if found violating/ not complying with the decisions of hearing, further action in the form of cancellation of license of the school will be taken after issuing necessary directions to the concerned Authority.

4. The school shall apply for registration under the E-waste Management Rules, 2022 and also make compliance of the E-waste Management Rules, 2022.

5. The school shall ensure compliance of the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and shall devise the ways & means to minimize the generation of all kind of wastes through REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE activities


6. The school shall ensure compliance of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016.

7. The school shall ensure that no pressure horns are use on any of their vans / buses including outsourced buses.

8. The school shall ensure that there are no usages of plastic carry bags and single use plastic / thermocol disposable items such as water bottles / water pouches/water cups, plates, forks, spoons, straw etc. and single use decorating material made of plastic-thermocol or any other non-biodegradable material in the premises.

9. Environmental Engineer, Regional Office-4, Ludhiana shall visit the school, immediately after 10 days, to verify the compliances, process the consent application of the school on merits and submit latest report/ recommendations in the matter.


You are, therefore, requested to comply with the decisions of the personal hearing within stipulated period and submit compliance report to the Board.


Environmental Engineer
Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana

Dated

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A copy of the above is forwarded to the Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-4, Ludhiana for information & necessary action.


Environmental Engineer
Zonal Office-2, Ludhiana