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No. SEE(HQ-2)/F.no.10/2026/.....16885-903

Dated. 04/08/2026

To

The Environmental Engineer,
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Patiala/Ludhiana- 1/2/3/4/Batala/
Sangrur/Jalandhar-1/2/Amritsar/Hoshiarpur/
SAS-Nagar/ Roopnagar/ Bathinda/Fatehgarh Sahib/
Moga/ Faridkot/ Mukatsar Sahib/ Tarn-Taran Sahib.

Subject: Harmonization of classification of left-out sectors under Red, Orange and Green category.

Please refer to letter no. SEE(HQ-2)/F.No.10/2025/10336-54 dated 19.03.2025, no. 11788-806 dated 28.03.2025 and no. 37739-65 dated 11.11.2025 vide which the CPCB directions dated 12.02.2025, 25.03.2025 and MoEF&CC Notifications G.S.R. 761(E) and G.S.R. 762(E) both dated 17.10.2025 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories were circulated for information and adoption/ implementation in supersession of earlier classification of industrial sectors. Further, PPCB vide letter no. 38985-39013 dated 24.11.2025 and no. 38869-96 dated 24.11.2025 classified certain left-out sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White category.

Earlier, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) vide directions dated 16.12.2025 and 11.06.2026 issued classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units and Waste Battery Collection Centres, respectively, which have been circulated to all concerned vide letter no. 1557-66 dated 22.01.2026 and letter no. 14807-825 dated 09.07.2026, respectively.

Now, directions have been received from the CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 20.07.2026 regarding the classification of sectors namely (i) Hotels/ Motel/ Resorts, (ii) Restaurants/ Dhaba/ Eateries, and (iii) Standalone Banquet/ Marriage Halls based on Pollution Index.

A copy of directions dated 20.07.2026 are hereby forwarded for adoption and implementation of the Classification of the aforesaid sectors (i) Hotels/ Motel/ Resorts, (ii) Restaurants/ Dhaba/ Eateries, and (iii) Standalone Banquet/ Marriage Halls (Annexure-I). Consequently, the classification of left-out sectors carried out by PPCB vide letter no. SEE(HQ-2)/F.No.10/2025/38869-87 dated 24.11.2025 mentioned at Sr. No. 1 (Marriage Palaces) and Sr. No. 7 (Restaurants/ Dhabas/ Eateries) stands omitted.

DA/ as above


Member Secretary
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PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/16904

Dated 04/08/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh for information, please.
DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/16905-07

Member Secretary
Dated 04/08/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action, please:

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion, Sector-26, Chandigarh.
 2. The Director, Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Punjab, Sector-26, Chandigarh.
 3. The Director, Department of Industries and Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, Chandigarh.
- DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/16908-11

Member Secretary
Dated 04/08/2026

A copy of above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala/ Ludhiana/ Jalandhar/ Bathinda/ HQ/ PBIP.
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, HQ-I/II/III, Zonal Office, Patiala-I/II, Ludhiana-I/II, Jalandhar, Amritsar and Bathinda.
3. The Senior Law Officer/ Administrative Officer/ Deputy Controller (F&A), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
4. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala to make necessary modifications in online Portals and uploading on website of the Board.

DA/ as above

Endst. No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/16912

Member Secretary
Dated 04/08/2026

A copy of the above is forwarded to the Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi to construed it as action taken report in the matter, please.

DA/ As above

Member Secretary



केन्द्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
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पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार.
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVT. OF INDIA.

CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO

Date: 20.07.2026

To

The Chairman,
State Pollution Control Board/Pollution Control Committee
(As per the list)

Sub: Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding classification of sectors based on Pollution Index.

WHEREAS, under section 16 (2)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 16 (2)(c) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs); and

WHEREAS, under section 16 (2)(c) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and under Section 16 (2)(d) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the CPCB is to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs and PCCs; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has classified a total of 419 sectors into Red (125), Orange (137), Green (94), White (54) and Blue (9) category, by following a revised methodology based on PI index by assigning equal weightage to scores arising due to Water, Air and Hazardous waste, hereafter referred as Classification-2025. In this revised Classification, a new Blue Category has also been introduced to distinguish the Essential Environmental Services required for management of environmental concerns arising from anthropogenic pollution due to domestic/household activities which otherwise will have large littering potential. CPCB, vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 12.02.2025, issued directions to all SPCBs/PCCs for adoption and implementation of Classification-2025; and

WHEREAS, CPCB revised the Classification of Compressed Biogas (CBG/Bio-CNG) plants, vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 25.03.2025, and directed SPCBs/PCCs to implement the same; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.10.2025, issued Corrigendum to Directions dated 12.02.2025 to all SPCBs/PCCs, empowering them to Classify new/left out sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White category; and

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WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notifications no. G.S.R. 761 (E) and G.S.R. 762 (E), dated 17.10.2025 notified list of 86 sectors categorized under White Category which are exempted from CTE/CTO requirements, under the Water Act, 1974 and the Air Act, 1974; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.12.2025, issued directions to all SPCBs/PCCs for adoption and implementation of Classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units; and

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter no. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 11.06.2026, issued directions to all SPCBs/PCCs for adoption and implementation of Classification of Waste Battery Collection centres; and

WHEREAS, in Classification-2025, CPCB has classified "Hotels/banquet halls having room facility" under red, orange and green categories, based on the pollution potential. Further, based on the recommendations of CPCB, the MoEF&CC vide notifications no. GSR 761(E) and GSR 762(E) dated 17.10.2025, notifying the list of sectors exempted from CTE/CTO requirement, covered the sector "Small scale restaurant/hotel without room/cloud kitchens/ Resorts (without stay/room facility)" under white category. However, CPCB was in receipt of queries regarding clarification in nomenclature of classification of aforesaid sectors; and

WHEREAS, the CPCB's Committee on Classification of Sectors held meeting on 18.02.2026, 13.05.2026 and 07.07.2026, wherein the Committee deliberated on the pollution potential of these aforementioned sectors recommended re-classification based on type of activity, scale of operations in terms of wastewater generation, which is primarily linked to no. of rooms for hotels/motel/resorts; seating capacity for restaurants/dhaba/eateries; area (earmarked for congregation of guests during an event, as mentioned in the building plan, fire NOC, local authority permission, or venue layout.) for marriage/banquet hall. After detailed deliberations, the Committee has categorized- (i) Hotels/ Motel/ Resorts, (ii) Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries, and (iii) Standalone Banquet/Marriage Halls under red, orange, green and white categories, for which details are given at **Annexure-I**:

NOW, THEREFORE, in the exercise of the powers delegated under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution), Act, 1981, all SPCBs and PCCs are directed to adopt and implement the Classification of the aforesaid sectors (**Annexure-I**) with immediate effect.


(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary

Encl. As above.

Copy to:

1 The Joint Secretary (CP Division)
Ministry of Environment, Forests and
Climate Change
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: For kind information, please

2 The Regional Director, CPCB
(As per the list)

: To follow-up with SPCBs/PCCs for
compliance of directions, please

3 The Div. Head, UPC-I, CPCB

: For information, please

4 DH, IT, CPCB

: To upload a copy of Directions on CPCB
website, please.


(Bharat Kumar Sharma)

Details of Classification of sectors

Annexure-I

Service/Infrastructure Development Sector															
S.N.	Sector	W1	W2	W3	Pl ^w	A1	A2	A3	Pl ^a	H1	H2	Pl ^h	Pl	Category	Remarks
4.0	Hotels/Motel/ Resort														
4.1	Above 300 rooms	20	25	30	75	25	0	25	50	0	0	0	81.25	Red	
4.2	Above 300 rooms (based on cleaner /gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	20	25	30	75	25	0	10	35	0	0	0	79.4	Orange	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with latest norms (CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time) or 100% gas-based genset(s) to be used. ii. In case of boiler, the electricity or gas based boiler to be used. iii. Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet. iv. Wastewater shall be managed through stand-alone STP.
4.3	101 to 300 rooms	20	25	25	70	25	0	25	50	0	0	0	77.5	Orange	
4.4	21 to 100 rooms	20	25	20	65	25	0	25	50	0	0	0	73.8	Orange	
4.5	21 to 100 rooms (based on cleaner /gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	20	0	20	40	25	0	10	35	0	0	0	50.5	Green	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with latest norms (CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time) or 100% gas-based genset(s) to be used. ii. In case of boiler, the electricity or gas based boiler to be used. iii. Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet. iv. In hotels more than 50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed through stand-alone STP and in hotels having 21-50 rooms wastewater shall be managed according to the methods as per the Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment System (2013), published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), and as amended from time to time.

S.N.	Sector	W1	W2	W3	Plw	A1	A2	A3	PlA	H1	H2	PlH	PI	Category	Remarks
4.6	Up to 20 rooms	20	0	15	35	25	0	10	35	0	0	0	46.4	Green	
4.7	Up to 20 rooms (based on cleaner /gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	0	0	15	15	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	19.3	White	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with latest norms (CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time) or 100% g as-based genset(s) to be used. ii. In case of boiler, the electricity or gas based boiler to be used. iii. Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet. iv. Wastewater shall be managed according to methods as per the Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment System (2013), published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), and as amended from time to time.
21.0	Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries														
21.1	Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries having more than 200 seats	20	25	20	65	25	0	25	50	0	0	0	73.8	Orange	
21.2	Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries having 101 to 200 seats	20	0	20	40	25	0	10	35	0	0	0	50.5	Green	
21.3	Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries having up to 100 seats	0	0	15	15	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	19.25	White	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with latest norms (CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time) or 100% g as-based genset(s) to be used. ii. Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet. iii. Wastewater shall be managed according to methods as per the Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment System (2013), published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), and as amended from time to time.

S.N.	Sector	W1	W2	W3	Pl ^w	A1	A2	A3	Pl _A	H1	H2	Pl _{II}	Pl	Category	Remarks
22.0	Standalone Banquet/Marriage Hall														Here, area means the area earmarked for congregation of guests during an event, as mentioned in the building plan, fire NOC, local authority permission, or venue layout.
22.1	Area more than 2500 sqm.	20	25	20	65	25	0	25	50	0	0	0	73.8	Orange	
22.2	Are more than 1000 sqm and up to 2500 sqm.	20	0	20	40	25	0	10	35	0	0	0	50.5	Green	Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet.
22.3	Area upto 1000 sqm.	0	0	15	15	0	0	10	10	0	0	0	19.25	White	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with latest norms (CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time) or 100% gas-based genset(s) to be used. ii. Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet. iii. Wastewater shall be managed according to methods as per the Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment System (2013), published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), and as amended from time to time.