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PRESS RELEASE

Ladakh Pollution Control Committee issued guidelines for Hotels and Guesthouses vide Order No.: 16 of LPCC dt: 06/08/2025

All Ladakh Hotel and Guest House Association (ALHGHA) recently had a meeting with the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Ladakh to seek clarity and resolution on the long-pending issue regarding the requirement of installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in hotels and guesthouses. The Hon'ble LG, taking cognizance of the matter and emphasizing the need for sustainable infrastructure, directed LPCC to streamline and clarify the regulatory framework in this regard.

In line with this direction, LPCC convened its **4th Board Meeting** to deliberate on the matter. After careful consideration and taking stakeholder input, the guidelines for Hotels and Guesthouses were formally **approved**. This marks a significant step towards balancing tourism development with environmental protection in the Union Territory of Ladakh.

These guidelines, formulated under the provisions of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** and the **Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981**, aim to ensure sustainable tourism and safeguard the region's unique ecology.

Key highlights of the guidelines include:

- **Hotels/Guesthouses up to 6 rooms:** Exempted from seeking consent from LPCC, provided they install functional septic tanks, avoid any environmental nuisance, and submit a formal undertaking to LPCC.
- **Hotels/Guesthouses having 7–19 rooms or restaurants seating up to 35:** Required to obtain Consent to Establish and Operate, with mandatory installation of septic tanks, oil and grease traps, and adherence to effluent standards. They are eligible for support under the **STP Incentive Scheme-2024**, which offers 75% subsidy upto ₹5 lakh for installing decentralized STPs. This helps in addressing the reservations expressed by ALHGHA regarding installation of STPs by Hotels/Guesthouses having less than 20 rooms.
- **Hotels/Guesthouses having more than 20 rooms or restaurants with seating capacity of 36 and above:** Must install and maintain Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) that meet effluent quality norms notified by MoEF&CC-GoI.

In alignment with the Hon'ble Lt. Governor's direction to ensure sustainability in infrastructure development and tourism, the LPCC has also mandated the following:

- **Air Pollution Control:** Hotels must install exhaust systems with emission stacks 2 meters above the highest point of the building following CPCB emission norms.
- **Solid Waste and Noise Management:** Segregation of waste at source, proper handling and disposal as per Solid Waste Management Rules, and adherence to ambient noise standards are compulsory.

The **Hon'ble Lt. Governor has reiterated** that environmental responsibility must be a shared duty of every citizen, institution, and tourism stakeholder in Ladakh.

LPCC urges all hotel and guesthouse owners to implement the guidelines in letter and spirit and contribute to making Ladakh a model for **sustainable and eco-conscious tourism**.

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