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PRESS RELEASE

LPCC implements Deregulation measures to ease the process of seeking Consent vide Order No.: 15 of LPCC dt: 06/08/2025

As per the provisions of section 25/26 of **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974** and section 21 of **Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981**, all industrial units are required to obtain **Consent to Establish (CTE)/Consent to Operate (CTO)**.

At present, unit holders seeking Consent from the **Ladakh Pollution Control Committee (LPCC)** are required to submit their applications through the **Online Consent Management and Monitoring System (OCMMS)** portal. Upon receipt of the application, LPCC officials conduct an on-site inspection of the unit to assess compliance with prescribed environmental norms. Based on the inspection findings and verification of compliance, the application is processed, and Consent is granted to the unit holder accordingly.

In line with the directives of the **Government of India** to promote **Ease of Doing Business** and reduce compliance burden, **LPCC** has introduced deregulation measures for issuance of Consents.

These initiatives have been taken up with the encouragement of the **Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the Union Territory of Ladakh**, keeping in view Ladakh's fragile ecosystem and the need to streamline administrative processes without compromising environmental safeguards as a follow up of the meeting of Special Secretary (Cabinet Secretariat) with the Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

The key features of this progressive reform are:

1. Self-Certification for Consent to Establish and Operate (up to ₹75 Lakhs Investment): - To facilitate small-scale industries, **Self-Certification** has been introduced for:

- *Consent to Establish (Fresh/Renewal)*
- *Consent to Operate (Renewal)*

This applies to **all sectors with capital investment up to ₹75 lakhs**. Applicants must submit their application through the **OCMMS portal** along with a **Self-Certification format** and applicable fees.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor has emphasized that such reforms should maintain a balance between industrial development and environmental protection, particularly in a sensitive region like Ladakh.

2. Third-Party Inspection for Units Above ₹75 Lakhs: - For industries with capital investment **exceeding ₹75 lakhs**, LPCC has introduced a **Third-Party Inspection and Certification system**, where registered third-party auditors/agencies will assess compliance before issuing Consent.

A comprehensive framework for empanelment of agencies and technical evaluation has been outlined under.

The move is expected to introduce transparency, technical accuracy, and faster decision-making in line with the Hon'ble Lt. Governor's vision of efficient governance.

3. Fast-Track Consent for Construction Projects: - In a significant move to accelerate infrastructure development, LPCC will now grant **Consent to Establish to industries requiring construction within three working days**, provided the applicant submits:

- *Valid building permission from a competent authority*
- *An undertaking for installation of Pollution Control Devices (PCDs)*

This measure is expected to support faster rollout of eco-compliant infrastructure projects across Ladakh.

These reforms reiterate Ladakh's commitment to enabling industrial growth while safeguarding its pristine environment, under the leadership of the **Hon'ble Lt. Governor**.

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