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Bhubaneswar, dated the 11 April, 2019

To

All Collectors & District Magistrates.

Sub: Implementation of provisions of Waste Management Rules & Directions of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on Environmental Pollution issues.

Madam/Sir,

You must be aware that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal has been closely monitoring the implementation of Waste Management Rules. On 26.03.2019, I was personally present to apprise the current status regarding the implementation of the Waste Management Rules in our State and filed an affidavit in pursuance of Order Dated 16.01.2019 in O.A No. 606/2018.

The directions of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal as issued in Order Dated 26.03.2019 have already been communicated to you by the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Hon'ble NGT has pointed out the huge gap in the steps taken so far in the compliance to the Waste Management Rules, especially the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

As mentioned in Rule-12 of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 it is a statutory obligation on the part of every Collector to ensure identification and allocation of suitable land. As per clause (f) of Rule-11, processing and disposal of solid waste facilities should have been set up within one year from the date of notification of these rules. But so far, nothing has happened.

Therefore, the following actions are urgently required to be taken up:

- a) Identification and handing over advance possession in favour of ULBs of suitable land parcels for setting up of solid waste processing facilities such as Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Compost Plant, etc. before **30.04.2019**.

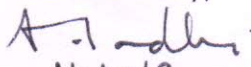
- b) Alienation of such parcels of land for solid waste processing facilities in favour of ULBs to be completed in **two months**.
- c) Identification of suitable sites for setting up standalone/ common regional sanitary landfill facilities that would cater to the inert waste generated in the ULB / cluster of ULBs for next 20-25 years - to be completed before **31.05.2019**.
- d) At least one ULB in your District be selected and communicated to me with a copy to H&UD Department within seven days as model city/town that will be made fully compliant with all the Rules under Environment Protection Act within the next six months. The remaining ULBs should be fully compliant within one year.

Further, as stipulated in the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 and further made stringent by the Hon'ble Tribunal, every Collector shall have to review the performance of local bodies, at least once in two weeks on waste segregation, processing, treatment and disposal and take corrective measures in consultation with the Director of Municipal Administration and Secretary of the Housing & Urban Development Department. There has to be progress every week and the consolidated Monthly Progress Report to be submitted to the Director, Forest and Environment Department and Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department for further processing and submission to the Hon'ble Tribunal.

I will take periodical reviews of the status of compliance with all the Collectors and the 1st review will be conducted through Video Conference in the 1st week of May 2019 as I have to submit an interim report to the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal on 30.06.2019.

The Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department and his team will be available for providing necessary assistance and handholding support in implementation of the above directions. It is needless to say that your personal involvement is essential in carrying out the activities to comply with the provisions of the Waste Management Rules.

This task has to be undertaken with utmost sincerity and diligence.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Secretary,
Odisha

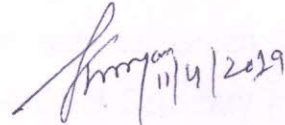
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