

Ques: What are the important Environmental Laws in the Country?

Ans:

- i) The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974
- ii) The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981
- iii) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Rules made there under

Ques: What do you mean by Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate under Air Acts and Water Acts? Who are required to obtain CTE/CTO Certificate from Board?

Ans: Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate Certificate means the sanction of the authority of the Board for the discharge of the effluent (sewage or trade effluent into a stream or well or sewer or on land) or emission of air pollutant into the atmosphere. The consent issued by Board under section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974 is known as water consent and under section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 is known as air consent. As per section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, no person shall establish/ operate without obtaining Consent to Establish/Consent to Operate Certificate of the State Board,

1. Establish or take any steps to establish any industry, operation or process, or any treatment and disposal system or any extension or addition thereto, which is likely to discharge sewage or trade effluent into a stream or well or sewer or on land or any other pollutants in the air.
2. Bring into use any new or altered outlets for the discharge of sewage or other waste effluents; or
3. To make any new discharge of sewage.

And, as per section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, no person shall, without previous consent of the State Board, establish or operate any industrial plant in an air pollution control area

Ques: Is any fee required for obtaining consent? What do you mean by Consent Fee?

Ans: Yes. The consent fee means the fees charged by the Board for the grant of consent by the Board.

Ques: What is the consent fees and consent renewal fees?

Ans:

Consent Fees for CTE and CTO and Renewal CTO (Air/Water) being charged on the basis of Capital Investment are as follows:

Sl No	Capital Investment on land, building, Plant & Machineries	Consent Fees (In Rupees)		
		Red	Orange	Green
S-01	Upto 5.00 lakh	1,000	2,000	1,000
S-02	5.00 lakh to 10.00 lakh	2,000	4,000	2,000
S-03	10.00 lakh to 25.00 lakh	4,250	8,500	4,250
S-04	25.00 lakh to 50.00 lakh	15,000	30,000	15,000
S-05	50.00 lakh to 1.00 crore	22,500	45,000	22,500
S-06	1.00 crore to 2.00 crore	40,000	80,000	40,000
S-07	2.00 crore to 5.00 crore	60,000	1,20,000	60,000

S-08	5.00 crore to 10.00 crore	1,25,000	2,50,000	1,25,000
S-09	10.00 crore to 50.00 crore	2,50,000	5,00,000	2,50,000
S-10	50.00 crore to 100.00	3,75,000	7,50,000	3,75,000
S-11	100 crore to 200.00 crore	7,50,000	15,00,000	7,50,000
S-12	200.00 crore to 400.00 crore	12,50,000	25,00,000	12,50,000
S-13	400.00 crore to 500.00 crore	17,50,000	35,00,000	17,50,000
S-14	Above 500.00 crore	25,00,000	50,00,000	25,00,000

Ques: What do you mean by Capital Investment?

Ans:

The Capital Investment means an amount invested by the industry on capital cost which includes land; building, machinery, equipments and furniture & fittings. This is the gross block (without depreciation) of all fixed assets.

Ques: Is there any prescribed form for consent application?

Ans: Yes. There are separate prescribed application form for different categories of industries viz Green, Orange, Red for obtaining Consent to Establish & Consent to Operate Certificate.

Ques: Where the consent application forms are available?

Ans: The Consent application forms are being made available in the Online Consent Management & Monitoring System of the Tripura State Pollution control Board (<https://tpocmms.nic.in>). The project proponent can also apply online for obtaining Consent to Establish & Consent to Operate Certificate from the office of the Board through 'Helpdesk'.

Ques: Where the Authorization and Registration application forms are available?

Ans: As per the various Waste Management Rules, 2016, it is mandatory to obtain Authorization and Registration for handling/manufacturing/storing/transporting different kinds of wastes generating in the state of Tripura. There are 07 different forms are available for obtaining Authorization and registration under the various waste management rules. All the forms are being made available in the Online Consent Management & Monitoring System for Tripura State Pollution Control Board (<https://tpocmms.nic.in>). The occupier/ project proponent can also apply online for obtaining Authorization and Registration under various Waste Management Rules from the office of the Board through 'Helpdesk'.

For further clarification, the occupier/ project proponents can be visit the Office of the Tripura State Pollution Control Board at Agartala as well as at Ambassa, Kumarghat and Udaipur. Addresses of these offices are as follows:

Sl No	Name of the Office	Address of the Office
1	Tripura State Pollution Control Board	Parivesh Bhawan, P. N Complex, Gurkhabasti, Agartala, West Tripura, Pin-799006 Phone: (0381)-2328792/2322455/2325421)
2	Central Zonal Office & Laboratory, Tripura State	Chandrai Cherra, Near Ambassa Railway Station, Ambassa, Dhalai, Tripura, Pin- 799289, Phone-

	Pollution Control Board	9436507724
3	North Zonal Office & Laboratory, Tripura State Pollution Control Board	Fishery Complex, Kumarghat, Unakoti, Tripura, Pin- 799264, Mobile-9862667442
4	South Zonal Office & Laboratory, Tripura State Pollution Control Board	Dhajanagar, Udaipur, Gomati, Tripura, Pin- 799120 Mobile-9436168686

Ques: What is the periodicity of Consent to Establish Certificate and Consent to Operate Certificate?

Ans: In accordance with the provision of Section 25 (4)(a)(iii) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1974 & Section 21(4) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act 1981, the Tripura State Pollution Control Board introduced periodicity of Consent to Establish Certificate & Consent to Operate Certificate of different category of Industries/ Processes/ Operations/ activities. The periodicity of Consent to Establish Certificate is based on the basis of Capital Investment of the Projects. However, the periodicity of Consent to Operate Certificate has been framed on the relative 'Pollution Index', which is a function of emission, effluent, hazardous waste generated and consumption of resources. The specified validity period of Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate of different category of industries are as follows;-

A. Consent to Establish Certificate:-

Sl. No.	Capital Investment on Land , Building, Plants & Machinerics	Validity Period	Category
1	Up to 1 Crore	1 (one) year	Red, Orange & Green
2	Above 1 Crore and up to 10 Crore	2 (two) years	
3	Above 10 Crore	3 (three) years	

B. Consent to Operate Certificate:-

Sl. No.	Category	Periodicity of Renewal
1	Red	Once in Five Years
2	Orange	Once in Ten Years
3	Green	Once in Fifteen Years
4	white	Not Required

The Renewal/ Extension of validity of both Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate Certificate is required before expiry of validity of consent.

The Renewal/ Extension of validity of Consent to Operate Certificate is required after every 5(five) years for the Industries/ Processes/ Operations/ activities which comes under the Red category of Industries. Similarly, the Industries / Processes / Operations / activities, which comes under the Orange Category and Green Category, will apply for Renewal/ Extension of validity of Consent to Operate Certificate after every 10(ten) years and 15 (fifteen) years, respectively.

Ques: What do you mean by Environmental Clearance? Which type of activities/projects required Environmental Clearance?

Ans: The clearance accorded by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India or SEIAA for new projects/ expansion or modernization of any activity (if pollution load is to exceed the existing one) or a new project listed in schedule I of the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 is known as Environmental Clearance.

Following thirty types of activities/projects require Environmental Clearance:-

1. Nuclear power and related project such as Heavy Water Plants, nuclear fuel complex, rare earths.
2. River Valley projects including hydel power, major irrigation and their combination including flood control.
3. Ports, harbours, Airports (except minor ports and harbours).
4. Petroleum Refineries including crude and product pipelines.
5. Chemical Fertilizers (Nitrogenous and phosphatic other than single super phosphate).
6. Pesticides (Technical)
7. Petrochemical complexes (Both Olefinic and Aromatic) and Petro-Chemical intermediates such as DMT, Caprolactam, LAB etc. and production of basic plastics such as LDPE, HDPE, PP, PVC.
8. Bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals.
9. Exploration for oil and gas and their production, transportation and storage.
10. Synthetic Rubber.
11. Asbestos and Asbestos products
12. Hydro cyanic acid and its derivatives.
13. (a) Primary metallurgical industries (such as production of Iron and Steel, Aluminium, Copper, Zinc, Lead and Ferro Alloys).
(b) Electric arc furnaces (Mini Steel plants).
14. Chlor-alkali industry.
15. Integrated plant complex including manufacture of resins and basic raw material required in the manufacture of paints.
16. Viscose Staple fibre and filament yarn.
17. Storage batteries integrated with manufacture of oxides of lead and lead antimony alloy.
18. All tourism projects between 200m-500 meters of High Tide Line or at locations with an elevation of more than 1000 meters with investment of more than Rs. 5 Crores.
19. Thermal Power Plants
20. Mining Project (major minerals) with leases more than 5 hectares.

21. Highway Projects except projects relating to improvement work including widening and strengthening of roads with marginal land acquisition along the existing alignments provided it does not pass through ecologically sensitive areas such as National Parks, Sanctuaries, Tiger reserves, Reserve forests.
22. Tarred Roads in Himalayas and/or Forest areas.
23. Distilleries
24. Raw Skins and Hides
25. Pulp, paper and newsprint
26. Dyes
27. Cement
28. Foundries (individual)
29. Electroplating
30. Meta amino phenol