

PRESS RELEASE

TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

The Biomedical Waste Management amended Rules have been notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on 28th March 2016, wherein, the Rule apply to all persons who generate, collect, receive, store, transport, treat, dispose, or handle bio medical waste in any form including hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, dispensaries, veterinary institutions, animal houses, pathological laboratories, blood banks, ayush hospitals, clinical establishments, research or educational institutions, health camps, medical or surgical camps, vaccination camps, blood donation camps, first aid rooms of schools, forensic laboratories and research labs.

Under Rule 10, “....every occupier or operator handling bio-medical waste, irrespective of the quantity shall make an application in Form II to the prescribed authority i.e. State Pollution Control Board and Pollution Control Committee, as the case may be, for grant of authorisation and the prescribed authority shall grant the provisional authorisation in Form III and the validity of such authorisation for bedded health care facility and operator of a common facility shall be synchronised with the validity of the consents....”.

All stake holders in Tamilnadu shall immediately apply and obtain consents of the Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board under the Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 as amended and the Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 as amended along with Authorisation under the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended.

Non-bedded occupiers shall apply and obtain one time Authorisation under Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 without delay.

The National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in its interim order dated 15.07.2019 (O.A.No. 710/2017, 711/2017, 712/2017, 713/2017) has directed to levy Environmental Compensation on occupiers failing to comply with the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016.

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