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Shri Bharat Kumar Sharma
Member Secretary
Central Pollution Control Board
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Govt. of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: DG Sets Installed Exclusively for Safety and Emergency Purposes

Greetings from Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association of India (BDMAI).

On behalf of BDMAI, we wish to bring to your kind attention an important safety concern affecting pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing units.

Recent fire incidents across industrial facilities have highlighted the serious risks arising from inadequate standby power systems, particularly the absence of DG sets with sufficient capacity to support essential safety infrastructure during power failures. Reliable backup power is critical to ensure uninterrupted functioning of fire protection systems, emergency ventilation, process safety controls, monitoring systems, emergency lighting, and other essential safety mechanisms.

In many industrial operations, even short-duration power interruptions can adversely impact safety systems and increase the risk of accidents, thereby endangering human life, the environment, and industrial infrastructure. Accordingly, industries are increasingly required to strengthen their emergency preparedness and safety systems through installation or enhancement of dedicated DG sets meant exclusively for safety and emergency applications.

However, at present, installation or enhancement of DG set capacity often involves multiple regulatory approvals and procedural requirements, which may delay timely implementation of such critical safety infrastructure.

In view of the above, we respectfully request your good offices to consider issuing an appropriate clarification/guidance providing that:

- DG sets installed exclusively for safety and emergency purposes may be treated as essential safety infrastructure;
- Installation, replacement, or enhancement of such DG sets may be exempted from fresh or repetitive approval requirements, subject to compliance with applicable emission and environmental norms;
- Industries may be permitted to install or upgrade DG sets for emergency safety applications through a simplified and time-bound procedure, thereby enabling faster strengthening of plant safety systems.

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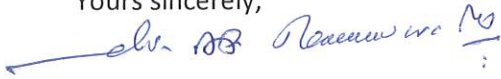
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Such a measure would significantly improve industrial safety standards and assist industries in taking proactive steps to prevent avoidable incidents. It would also support the larger objective of protecting human life, the environment, and critical industrial infrastructure.

The industry remains fully committed to complying with all prescribed environmental and emission norms and assures responsible operation and maintenance of DG sets under such classification.

We sincerely request your kind consideration and early guidance on this matter in the interest of public and industrial safety.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely,



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National President

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