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Four fish processing units told to shut down

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Panaji/Colva: The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) has directed four fish processing units operating at Cuncolim Industrial Estate to stop operation with immediate effect till the board approves the design, methodology and disposal facility of the effluent treatment plant.

Sanjeev Joglekar, environmental engineer, GSPCB, said that the board will also verify ground water quality at Cuncolim with assistance of the Central Ground Water Board and the water resources department.

Joglekar issued notices to stop work to m/s Indotech Ice and Cold Storage, Quality Foods, M/S Sagar Feeds and Food Processing Industries and M/S United Marine Products.

Joglekar said that units have to submit a detailed methodology, design of the effluent treatment plant (ETP) with water balance chart to board within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of these directions.

In the case of United Marine Products, the board has said it has observed that the unit has carried out modification to the effluent treatment system without specific consent from the board and has also installed storage tanks.

Similarly, GSPCB has said it will direct the water resources department and the central ground water board to carry out monitoring in the case of Quality Foods to ascertain the pollution at the cost of the unit.

The order in case of Indotech Ice and Cold Storage and Sagar Feeds and Food Processing Industries has observed that the analysis report of the borewell indicates turbidity, dissolved solids, chloride and that the hardness exceeds the permissible limits. The presence of e-coli was also found in the analysed sample.

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