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Sub: Requirement of paying immediate attention to cleaning of road side open drains and ensuring general cleanliness of ROW of the roads, as well.

It has come to notice of the management that in many industrial areas, road side drains are lying choked and thus reportedly are non functional. This situation seems to have arisen due to gross violations by the industrial units by discharging untreated trade effluent into public drain. Instances have also been noticed where in even solid waste (domestic + industrial) is being disposed of into the road side drains. It may be pertinent to indicate here that the road side open drains are primarily meant for carrying rain water and treated trade effluent to the ultimate disposal point.

Further to above following nature of public nuisance /health hazards are being caused by some of the industrial units:

a. Unauthorized Toilets with septic tanks/ soak pits in the front set back disposing the overflow waste into the open drains and even the sewage directly into the drain.

b. Blocking the drains by filling up the front drain for making approach to their plot.

c. Dumping of industrial waste/other waste material into the drain.

This situation is causing stagnation of highly polluted water in the drain. As per existing arrangements water supply line is also running abutting the open drains. Due to blockages of the drains there is likelihood that the polluted water may enter the water supply line due to breakages and contaminate the water. This may further cause public health hazards and even disease like cholera etc.

With a view to avoid any untoward incident, it is enjoined upon all Unit Heads to immediately act as under:

a. Maintain drains for smooth flow water.

b. Regular inspection of drains and approaches be carried out for repairing the damaged drains & culverts to avoid any possible source of contamination in the water supply network.

c. Get the approaches constructed through the allottees, to avoid filling up of the drains.

d. Take action against the defaulted allottees for blocking the drains, dumping waste on road side, disposing untreated effluent into the drain and making unauthorized disposal of sewage / septic tank over flow into the drains etc.

A compliance/progress report for taking action as above be sent to the undersigned weekly.

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