

MPCB seeks time for Kasadi pollution report

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NAVI MUMBAI: After the National Green Tribunal (NGT) ordered closure of 350 industrial units in Taloja MIDC, MPCB has told the tribunal that it has already shut down 18 of the 350 industries that were supposed to be closed down.

MPCB said it has served notices to only about 154 units so far and sought time from the green tribunal to submit its compliance report on Kasadi river and Panvel creek pollution issue. The NGT has posted the next hearing on July 4.

Counsel for the petitioner, advocate Chetan Nagare said, "MPCB has acted against 18 units by shutting them down as per the order issued on Wednesday. Another 154 units have been issued with showcause notices and will face action."

NGT will pronounce its order regarding the Rs 5-crore penalty imposed earlier on CETP, Nagare added. "We hope they will be asked to deposit a total Rs 10 crore without any relief imposed on both occasions," he said.

Taloja Industries Association president Satish Shetty said as per the order the defaulting industries will face action.

Taloja Manufacturers Association president Sandip Dongare said, "MPCB has been collecting samples from January. We are expecting that around 30 most polluting units will be shut."