

CONSENT MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIES & ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN DOON VALLEY: A UEPPCB CASE-STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Doon-Valley, being one of the twelve eco-sensitive zones declared by Government of India in 1989 and especially after the formation of Uttarakhand in 2000, deserves an analysis of Industries' Consent Management and Environmental Governance. Growth in built-up area and industries during last 25 and 10 years respectively and demand for sustainable development in Uttarakhand Himalayas provides context to the present case-study. UEPPCB, being a regulating statutory authority, acts like a central nervous system for environmental governance since its formation in 2002. Knowing the broad mandate of UEPPCB, only consent management during 2014-15 along with the comparative last four year regional data of UEPPCB has been analysed to keep the case-study focused and manageable. Industries under three categories, i.e. Red, Orange and Green (depending upon pollution potential), their number and consents in Large, Medium & Small industries have been analyzed. Major finding is that Large industries are most consent-compliant in Red & Green category, while the Medium industries are most compliant in Orange category. Dehradun and Roorkee regions have better time-bound consent governance. SWOT analysis leads to leveraging strengths, overcoming weaknesses and re-positioning UEPPCB towards better environmental governance.

KEY-WORDS: Doon-Valley Eco-Sensitive Zone, Environmental Governance, Industries' Consent Management, Pollution Potential, UEPPCB, Uttarakhand Himalayas.

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