Minister Rajeev opens help desk for the Online Consent Management and Monitoring System

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News

Dr V.K. Rajeev, Minister for Environment and Climate Change, opened the help desk for the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board's (TNPCB) Online Consent Management and Monitoring System (OCMMS) on 9 Oct 2026 at the Board's head office, 76 Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai. It guides factories and entrepreneurs in filling consent and authorisation / Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) applications online and uploading documents.

Key facts

System	Online Consent Management and Monitoring System (OCMMS)
Body	Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)
Minister	Dr V.K. Rajeev – Environment and Climate Change
Venue	TNPCB HQ, 3rd floor, Mount Road, Guindy, Chennai
Contact	044-43722000; helpdesk@tnpcb.gov.in; working days 10 am–5.45 pm; walk-in on Fridays
Aim	Cut delays and office visits; simplify procedures

Background

- Pollution control boards: the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) was set up in 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act; TNPCB was formed in 1982. Air Act 1981; Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (after the Bhopal gas tragedy).
- Consent types: 'Consent to Establish' (CTE) before building a unit; 'Consent to Operate' (CTO) before production. CPCB categories: Red, Orange, Green, White – White-category units need no consent.
- EPR (Extended Producer Responsibility) makes the maker or importer responsible for collecting and recycling the waste from its products – under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, E-Waste Rules 2022 and Battery Waste Rules 2022.
- Constitution: Article 48A – environmental protection as a Directive Principle; Article 51A(g) – citizens' Fundamental Duty (42nd Amendment, 1976). The Water Act was passed under Article 252 with the States' consent.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT, 2010) hears environmental cases; its Southern Zone bench sits in Chennai.

Tamil Nadu link: TNPCB is headquartered at Guindy, Chennai, as is the NGT Southern bench. Tamil Nadu's 'Manjappai' campaign (2021) promotes cloth bags over single-use plastic.

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