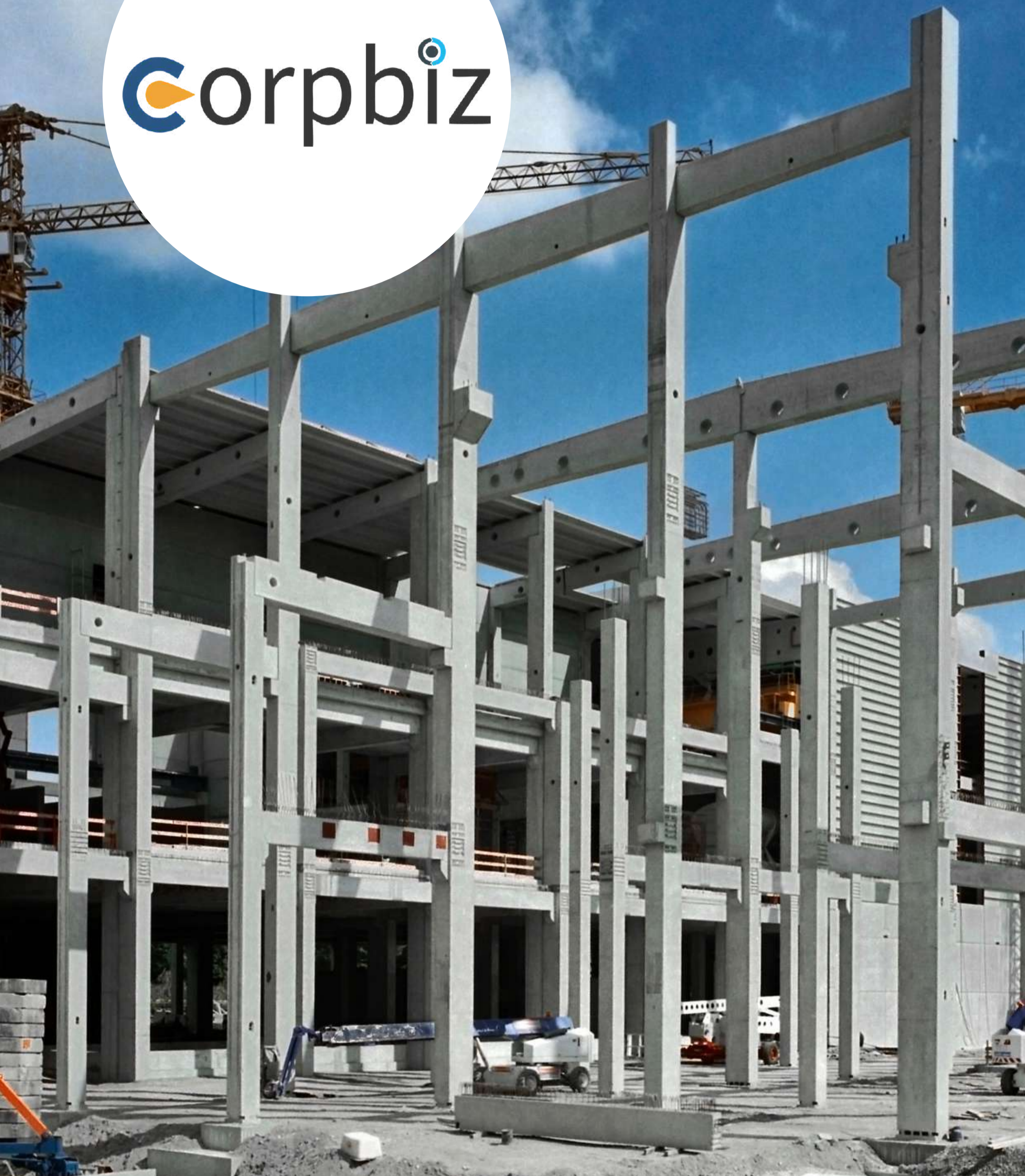


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The Central pollution control Board (CPCB) has imposed a penalty of Rs. 100 crore on Ansal Group for the violation of numerous environmental norms. CPCB issued a letter on June 7, asking the developer to pay the penalty in 15 days. If the developer fails, additional charges shall be levied on it as per the Law.

The Developer Ansal Properties and Infrastructure Limited are said to have committed several violations in pursuance of its project, Sushant Lok Phase 1. Starting, the group had failed to obtain environmental clearance as required under the impact Assessment Notification (EIA), 2006. Next, the developer failed to obtain permission from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board to establish and start the project.

Ansal group also failed to obtain information from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) for extracting underground water for their township. On top of that, the developer needs to pay an additional Rs 100 crore for illegal groundwater extraction and installing faulty rainwater harvesting systems.

The large fine has been imposed on the developer as they failed to acknowledge the fines repeatedly levied by the CPCB since June of 2019 to pay a sum of Rs 12.18 crore for not treating the sewage water. This fine was levied on the developer on the basis of the “polluter pays” principle.

The CPCB’s fine only accounted for the discharge of untreated sewage water into storm water drains. However, an expert panel set up by the Green Tribunal found various problematic shortcomings in the Sushant Lok Phase 1 Project in Gurugram. The project had exceeded the threshold limit along with non-acquirement of environmental clearance.

NGT had listed ten grave environmental violations that took place in the project. The developer also applied for 39 tube wells without obtaining clearance from CGWA. Ansal group had not installed rainwater systems at residential houses; those which were installed were present in open areas and green belts. No plan was devised for the solid waste management system. The project was causing air pollution, as well as the height of chimneys for the exhaust of generators, had not been appropriately designed. On January 8 2019, the Green tribunal directed CPCB to shut down the project and initiate the process to recover damages caused to the environment by the developer for violating the environmental regulations.



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