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Textile processors demand effluent treatment board

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ERODE: Perundurai SIPCOT Textile Processors' Association has written to the Chief Minister for the setting up of a Tamil Nadu Effluent Treatment Board

In a memorandum, the association has said that formation of such a board will help textile processing industries that face problem in managing effluent treatment.

The association has asked for effluents to be collected and transported to common effluent treatment plants, set up near river banks, so that water bodies are not polluted. It has also said that the government can increase revenue by charging for treating effluents, which will lead to small and tiny units joining the treatment system.

Such an arrangement will also help the industries, as they can concentrate on getting more orders without worrying about effluent treatment, the memorandum says.

The association has also highlighted to the Chief Minister that the SIPCOT management 'reneged' on its promise to take up effluent treatment on behalf of the processing industries. Left with no option, the industries have taken up the task with much difficulty and that is a day-to-day struggle for existence, it has said.

It has also criticised the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board for not coming out in the open about the practicality of achieving zero discharge.

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