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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय भारत सरकार
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA

SPEED POST

EQ-11099/63/2021-AQM-HO-CPCB-HO **November 03, 2021**

As per list (SPCBs/DPCC)

Sub.: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for strict vigilance for ensuring zero tolerance to air polluting activities in upcoming winter season - reg.

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b), (f) and (j) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board to execute nation- wide program for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and organize a comprehensive program and perform such other functions as may be prescribed; and

WHEREAS, Section 17 (1) (a), (e), and (f) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the State Pollution Control Board to plan a comprehensive programme, to inspect any control equipment, industrial plant or manufacturing process and to give directions to persons as it may consider necessary, to inspect air pollution control areas, assess the quality of air therein and take steps for the prevention, control or abatement of air pollution, and to Perform such other functions as may be prescribed or as may, from time to time, be entrusted to it by the Central Board or the State Government; and

WHEREAS, air pollution in Delhi NCR during critical winter months is a matter of serious concern, especially with regard to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;and

WHEREAS, Delhi and NCR was among the worst affected regions of country by COVID-19 pandemic, causing respiratory illness since air quality in Delhi NCR becomes susceptible to deterioration during winter months under unfavorable meteorological conditions and if effective preventive actions are not taken the situation may worsen; and

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court orders in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13029/1985 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India, CPCB monitor the compliance of corrective action for air pollution control and management; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed guidelines for mitigation of dust emanating from handling of construction material and C&D waste. Further, CPCB has developed guidelines for sound environmental management of C&D waste in compliance to The Construction & Demolition Waste Management Rules, 2016;and

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated October 29, 2018 in W.P

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(civil) 13029/1985, Social Media Platform is in operation for providing citizens ease of lodging complaints and also for quick transmission to concerned agencies for redressal; and

WHEREAS, CPCB, vide letter dated November 24, 2019 issued advisory to use dust suppressants and directions were also issued from time to time to construction agencies to ensure strict compliance to regulatory provisions and deploy adequate dust arrest measures; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has deployed twenty-four dedicated CPCB teams for providing field feedback from October 20, 2021- February 28, 2022. Feedback from these teams is being forwarded through Sameer App to responsible agencies and uploaded on the CPCB website for quick redressal of complaints; and

WHEREAS, CPCB, vide letter dated October 28, 2021 shared feedback of the teams with concerned department and requested to ensure timely actions; and

WHEREAS, CPCB's teams inspected various areas during October 20, 2021 to October 30, 2021, especially to check compliance of various actions taken by the agencies to curb air pollution in Delhi – NCR, and observed that most agencies, namely PWD, DSIIDC, MCDs etc. are not taking sufficient measures for control of pollution; and

WHEREAS, CPCB, vide letter dated November 01, 2021 has sought daily action taken report (ATR) from SPCBs on the action taken by various agencies under Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP); and

WHEREAS, incidents causing air pollution such as open burning of waste, improper handling of construction waste, emission from industries, unpaved roads and open spaces, etc. are also being reported by CPCB teams and public on Sameer App and social media platforms;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Section 18(1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and in view of anticipated deterioration in Delhi NCR air quality, all the concerned SPCBs/DPCC are directed to ensure necessary action in respect of the following directions :

1. Strict vigilance to ensure zero tolerance to any air polluting activity.
2. Stringent action against illegal and non-complying industrial units.
3. Strict enforcement of action plans in identified hotspot areas in Delhi NCR.
4. Rigorous follow up and swift action on complaints forwarded through SAMEER app and Social Media accounts , preferably within 24 hours and ensure complete redressal of social media complaints within a week.
5. Use of approved fuel in the industry

6. Strict penal actions including challan to be imposed on violators as per regulatory provisions & Hon'ble NGT orders
7. Proper management of industrial waste (Hazardous & Non-Hazardous) in the industrial areas.
8. Close monitoring of actions taken by implementing agencies for actions under Graded Response Action Plan and submit daily report to CPCB.
9. Non-compliance of the aforesaid directions shall be dealt with strictly as per regulatory provisions.

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately detailed action plans shall be submitted clearly indicating the tasks, quantum of work, field deployment plan, monitoring mechanism, etc. by November 10, 2021.

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