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SPEED POST

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As per the list (SPCBs)

Sub.: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding feedback on air pollution activities through field visits by CPCB teams during September 15th – 21st 2020 and ensuring adequate action during Oct 2020 -Feb 2021- 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;

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;

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 rigorously monitoring the compliance of corrective action for air pollution control and management;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated October 29, 2018 in the matter of W.P (s) (Civil) No. 13029/1985 M. C. Mehta vs. Union of India, CPCB has created account on social media interface (Twitter and Facebook) for citizens to lodge complaints and to further forward these complaints to concerned agencies for redressal. Analysis of public complaints on social media platform indicated higher percentage of Open dumping/burning of garbage and C & D waste related complaints by the public;

WHEREAS, in pursuant Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 28.02.2020 in Writ Petition (s) (Civil) No. 4677 in the matter of M. C. Mehta Vs Union of India & Ors., CPCB examined the impact of industries operating in Delhi on pollution levels at Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR).

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated August 28, 2020, requested agencies to ensure immediate effective actions and timely resolution of complaints on the SAMEER App and Social Media platforms;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated September 03, 2020, to all agencies initiate special drive to remove the waste (garbage and C& D) lying openly;

WHEREAS, winter season being critical with regard to air pollution, CPCB teams were deputed from September 15th-21st 2020 in identified high pollution zones for assessment of ground implementation;

WHEREAS, CPCB teams have observed inadequate action on various locations in terms of management of construction and demolition waste, solid and industrial waste, road dust and unpaved road and other prominent air polluting activities. However, C&D activities and open dumping of waste/garbage continue are major concern in most of the areas of Delhi, NCR towns and identified Hotspots;

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated October 07th 2020, requested states to ensure strict vigilance and step up intensive efforts towards air pollution control action in respective areas;

WHEREAS, fifty dedicated CPCB teams have been deployed for field feedback from 15th October- 28th February. Feedback from these teams will be forwarded to responsible agencies on real time for quick redressal of complaints.

WHEREAS, teams' feedback and redressal status will also be uploaded on media corner for mass awareness and rigorous follow up;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and in view of anticipated deterioration in Delhi NCR air quality, it is directed to ensure following,

1. Strict vigilance on air polluting activity and ensure immediate necessary actions.
2. Stringent action against illegal industrial units.
3. Strict enforcement of action plans in identified hotspot areas in Delhi NCR.
4. Ensure complete redressal of social media (Twitter, Facebook, Sameer App) complaints by October, 2020.
5. Ensure approved fuel is being used by industrial units.
6. Ensure proper management of industrial waste (Hazardous & Non Hazardous) in the industrial areas.
7. Ensure that affidavit regarding compliance / adherence to norms and proper functioning of pollution control devices are obtained from all Red and Orange category of industries and major construction projects within Delhi – NCR.

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and submit detailed action report by 20th October, 2020. SPCBs shall issue further directions to concerned authorities as may be necessary for implementation of these directions.



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