

**SPEED POST**

AQM/ Direction/2020-21/

October 16, 2020

As per list (Traffic and Transport Department)

**Sub.: Directions under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding feedback on air pollution activities through field visits by CPCB teams during September 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Agencies were time to time requested for quick redressal of complaints on these platforms;

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 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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 traffic congestion.

WHEREAS, CPCB vide letter dated October 07<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> October- 28<sup>th</sup> 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 enforcement of preventive, punitive and mitigative actions in identified traffic corridors
2. Strict vigilance and action including issuing challan to visibly polluting and overloaded vehicles
3. Random auditing of Pollution under Control (PUC) certification centers before onset of winter season
4. Implementing effective parking plan and action against unauthorized parking of vehicles especially in congested areas.
5. Non-compliance to above directions shall be dealt strictly as per regulatory provisions including prosecution and levying hefty penalty.
6. Rigorous follow up and swift action on complaints forwarded through SAMEER app and Social Media accounts (Facebook & Twitter), preferably within 24 hours.

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and submit action taken report by 30 October, 2020.



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