



November 9, 2018

AQM/ FireCrackers/2018-19/

To:

**District Magistrate,
Gurugram,
Mini Secretariat, Gurugram,
Haryana**

Sub.: Directions under Section 5 of The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for not restricting sale and bursting of fire crackers in Gurugram, Haryana- reg.

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b), (f) and (j) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board (hereafter referred as CPCB) 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, rising air pollution in Delhi-NCR during winter season is a matter of serious concern, especially with regard to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

WHEREAS, emissions released from fire crackers burst during Diwali further increases particulate matter concentration in ambient air vis-à-vis contributes to rise in pollution levels in Delhi-NCR;

WHEREAS, Hon' ble Supreme Court vide order dated 23.10.2018 permitted production of fire crackers with reduced emissions (improved crackers and green crackers);

WHEREAS, Hon' ble Supreme Court vide order dated October 31, 2018 banned sale of fire crackers other than crackers with reduced emissions (improved crackers and green crackers) in Delhi and NCR;

WHEREAS, available evidence does not suggest that Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) has given any certificate for production of reduced emission cracker;

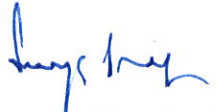
WHEREAS, it has been reported that fire crackers other than those permitted by the Hon' ble Supreme Court were sold, and burst on Diwali in District Gurugram, Haryana;

WHEREAS, the air quality in District Gurugram, Haryana was very adversely impacted due to bursting of fire crackers on November 7, 2018;

WHEREAS, the above status indicates non-compliance of the Hon' ble Supreme Court order dated October 31, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above, and, in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Direction is hereby issued to District Magistrate, Gurugram, Haryana to submit report on action taken to prevent sale of unauthorized fire crackers in District Gurugram, Haryana along with reasons for non-compliance of the Hon' ble Supreme Court order dated October 31, 2018.

The report be submitted to CPCB within 07 days of receipt of this Direction.


(S.P. Singh Parihar)
Chairman

