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(भारत सरकार)

CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change  
(Government of India)

**Speed Post**

**B-13011/UPCDII/MSW/2018-19/**

Date: 16-01-2019

To,

**Commissioner,**  
**South Delhi Municipal Corporation,**  
South Zone, Sector 9, RK Puram,  
New Delhi, Delhi 110022

**Sub- Direction under section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding open dumping/burning of garbage and C & D waste on land owning agencies to control air pollution in Delhi –NCR-reg.**

WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (b), (f) & (j) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board to execute nation-wide programme 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 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 and trends indicate further increase in air pollution in Delhi during winter season between 15<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> February;

WHEREAS; several meeting have been held in CPCB to review action taken by implementing agencies for controlling air polluting sources during winters in Delhi NCR;

WHEREAS, winter season being critical with regard to air pollution, CPCB teams have been deployed to visit various areas in Delhi-NCR w.e.f September 15, 2018 to provide feedback on air polluting mitigation activities & level of implementation of GRAP;

WHEREAS, direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, was issued on 15.09.2018 to construction agencies and municipal corporations to ensure strict actions for improvement in air quality during winter 2018-19;

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WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT directed to all State Governments and State Pollution Control Boards /Pollution Control committees in Judgement dated 20.07.2018 in OA No 247/2017 to ensure implementation of PWM Rules, 2016 as amended 2018;

WHEREAS, as per the observations reported during field visits, the prominent activities reported include open dumping and littering of garbage, burning of garbage & plastic waste at the Landfill Sites & Dhalaos, industrial areas, running of illegal plastic recycling units in non-conforming & residential areas (as reported in Newspaper "Times of India" on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018), thus contributing air pollution due to following activities which are as below:

- Most of the roads are unpaved and encroachment by parked vehicles thus cleaning & sweeping of roads is done regularly, causing air pollution;
- The major fraction of the municipal solid waste & plastic waste is dumped on open land, dhalaos & along both sides of drains and dumping of waste by unauthorised industries.
- Mixed solid and plastic waste is dumped indiscriminately in the open lands belong to MCD, DDA, DSIIDC & I& FCD.
- No time-bound action plan is in place for prevention and management of fires, open burning etc.
- Illegal industries are operating in residential areas of South Delhi, these industries mainly manufacture flammable chemicals, rubber, metals, asbestos, plastic waste etc. is being burnt openly on the dumpsites during night, late evening hours, early morning hours and during holidays.

Whereas, during field visits, by 52 teams under clean air campaign starting from 15<sup>th</sup>, September 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, following major violations have been reported which confirms that there is gross violations of SWM & PWM Rules, 2016.

- Incidents of burning of plastic and garbage are more prominent
- Illegal industrial activities are continued in Okhla, Nazafgarh, Naraina, Motinagar and Kapashera etc.
- It was observed that open dumping of garbage contributes approx.13.1% and Open/Garbage/Leaf Burning contribute approx.11.1% in the Air Pollution incidents in Delhi- NCR Region.
- The areas under South Delhi Municipal Corporation wherein non-segregation, open littering, dumping, burning, animal eating garbage, etc. have been reported and are not complying Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 are Okhla, Nazafgarh, Naraina, Motinagar and Kapashera.

In pursuant to the Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated December 02, 2016 in the matter of M. C. Mehta vs. Union of India regarding air quality in National

Capital Region of Delhi, a Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has been prepared for implementation under different Air Quality Index (AQI) categories namely, Moderate & Poor, Very Poor, and Severe as per National Air Quality Index. The activities like open burning of plastic and garbage, dumping of garbage, C&D waste & running of illegal industries etc. are continued in the area resulting air quality index into very poor & severe categories.

**Now therefore**, in view of the above and in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 31 A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, **South Delhi Municipal Corporation**, has been held responsible for open burning/dumping of waste, illegal running of plastic industries in non-conforming residential areas, thus non-complying GRAP.

Therefore, Environmental Compensation of Rs. 1, 00, 000, 00/- (Rs. One Crore only) is levied on **South Delhi Municipal Corporation**. The amount be deposited with CPCB by **31.01.2019**, failing which prosecution shall be initiated in accordance with law.

  
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