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Principal Secretary, Environment  
Govt. of Tamilnadu  
Environment and Forests Department  
Secretariat, Chennai  
Tamil Nadu – 600009

**Sub.: Directions under Section 31A of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding preparation of action plans for non-attainment cities as per Hon'ble NGT order dated 08-10-2018-reg.**

WHEREAS, under Section 16 (2) (b) (d) (g) and (j) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, mandates Central Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred as CPCB) to execute nation-wide programme, provide technical assistance and guidance to the State Boards for prevention, control or abatement of air pollution; collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data relating to air pollution control and abatement of air pollution and perform such other functions as may be prescribed;

WHEREAS, air pollution particularly PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> has emerged as a major health concern in most of the cities & towns, with air quality reaching to alarming levels;

WHEREAS, based on the data for the period 2011–2015 and WHO report 2014/2018, 102 cities failed to meet the prescribed standards are identified as non-attainment cities;

WHEREAS, seven regional workshops were organized to sensitize SPCBs and Stakeholders to develop city specific action plan for control of air pollution in these non-attainment cities;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dated 08-10-2018, all the States and Union Territories with non-attainment cities were required to constitute Air Quality Monitoring Committee (AQMC), and AQMCs to prepare appropriate action plans within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within six months from date of finalization of the action plans;

WHEREAS, city action plan for Thoothukudi was submitted to CPCB on 14-12-2018;

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WHEREAS, as per order of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, a three member committee shall examine the Action Plans and on the recommendations of the said Committee, the Chairman, CPCB shall approve the same by 31.01.2019;

WHEREAS, the three member committee examined the city plan on January 24-25, 2019 and recommendations of committee is placed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II;

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the three member committee, Chairman, CPCB has not approved the city plan for Thoothukudi;


**Now, therefore,** in exercise of powers under Section 31 A of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, you are directed to submit revised city action plan for the Thoothukudi based on the recommendation made as per Annexure-I at the earliest;

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and action taken shall be communicated to CPCB within 07 days.

(S. P. S. Parihar)  
Chairman

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