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To

As per the list
(SPCBs)

Sub.: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding implementation of Graded Response Action Plan and Strict Enforcement in Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) for maintain air quality during upcoming winter season-reg.

WHEREAS, under Section 17(1) (a) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of SPCBs is to plan comprehensive programs for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to secure the execution thereof;

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;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to 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 was prepared for implementation under different Air Quality Index (AQI) categories for prevention of high pollution events and dealing with air pollution emergencies;

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change notified implementation of Graded Response Action Plan through Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority vide S.O. 118 (E) dated January 12, 2017;

WHEREAS, historical trends indicate further increased levels of air pollution in Delhi and NCR towns during winter season between October 15 to February 15, ^{and} CPCB teams will be deployed to visit various areas in Delhi-NCR from September 15, 2018 to provide feedback on air polluting mitigation activities & level of implementation of GRAP;

WHEREAS, a meeting was held under Chairmanship of Chairman, CPCB on August 30, 2018, to discuss status of preparedness for controlling air polluting sources during winters in Delhi NCR;

WHEREAS, concerned agencies were requested to prepare targeted action plans by 5th September 2018;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, following directions are hereby issued;

- a) SPCBs shall prepare targeted action plans for all sources such as visibly polluting vehicles & congestion, road & construction dust, open burning, industrial emissions, waste dumps etc. The plans shall be implemented on ground from September 15, 2018.
- b) The targeted plans shall comprise of Field deployment plan; Resource allocation; Monitoring and reporting protocol SPCBs to ensure implementation of industrial standards in respect of Brick Kilns, Power Plants, Red category units and NOx & SOx standards for boilers.
- c) Concerned SPCBs to provide information regarding supply of implements distributed, expected area to be covered & likely to remain uncovered. Efforts should be made to maximize availability of implements by September 15, 2018. Enforcement mechanism to be strengthened in the uncovered areas.
- d) Any violation noticed may be strictly dealt as per law including closure Directions/ prosecution.

The SPCBs shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction immediately and shall communicate the action taken to CPCB within 07 days. SPCBs shall issue further directions to such authorities as may be necessary for implementation of these directions.


(A. K. Mehta)
Chairman
15.9.18

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