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To,

The Chairman
Haryana State Pollution Control Board
C-11, Sector 6
Panchkula,
Haryana

Directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, in the matter of air pollution due to operation of Hot Mix Plant located in Gubhana village, Jhajjar District, Haryana.

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, constituted under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 is to plan a comprehensive programme for the Prevention, Control or Abatement of Air Pollution in the State of Haryana and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change notified implementation of Graded Response Action Plan through Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority vide S.O.118 (E) dated January 12, 2017, which stipulates that during moderate to poor AQI conditions in NCR Delhi, there is need to close or stringently enforce all pollution control regulations in Hot Mix Plants and industries, which is to be ensured by the Chairpersons of Delhi Pollution Control Committee, State Pollution Control Boards of Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and

WHEREAS, a complaint of Shri Vijay Kumar Bharti was received from the Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change vide letter dated January 09, 2018 and January 10, 2018 in the Central Pollution Control Board which highlighted the pollution problems caused by the Hot Mix Plants located in Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana; and

WHEREAS, another complaint of Shri Vijay Kumar Bharti was received through the Registry, Supreme Court of India vide letter dated January 31, 2018 in the Central Pollution Control Board regarding the pollution caused by Hot Mix Plants located in Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the above complaints, a team of officials from the Central Pollution Control Board and Haryana State Pollution Control Board visited the site on 28.02.2018 for inspection/monitoring of Hot Mix Plants located at Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana; and

WHEREAS, during the visit, the inspection team observed that the Hot Mix plants located at Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana were not in operation due to various reasons and made following observations/recommendations in the report:

- a) The Hot Mix Plants should provide stack emission measurement facilities with the stacks i.e. proper sampling, platform as per CPCB guidelines.
- b) The Hot Mix Plants should provide measures to contain the fugitive emissions such as sprinkling of water, proper internal roads and plantation.
- c) All the Hot Mix Plants are required to ensure that the stack height is of 25m.

WHEREAS, the inspection report of the team was forwarded on 01.03.2018 to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board with a request to not to allow operation of any Hot Mix Plant located in Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana for such time till the Hot Mix Plant takes steps in concurrence with the observation/ recommendations made in the report.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of powers conferred under section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are issued to the Haryana State Pollution Control Board for compliance:

1. The Haryana State Pollution Control Board should not allow operation of any Hot Mix Plant located in Gubhana Village, Jhajjar District, Haryana for such time till the Hot Mix Plant takes steps in concurrence with the observation/ recommendations made in the report.
2. The action taken report shall be Haryana State Pollution Control Board submitted to the Central Pollution Control Board within 30 days from the date of receipt of these directions.

In case of default, Central Pollution Control Board will be constrained to initiate appropriate action against the HSPCB, without giving any further notice, in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.


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