

SPEED POST

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To

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The Chairman
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Sub: Directions under Section 18(1)(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding displaying of Air Quality, establishing control rooms and updating information on actions taken for public complaints and implementation of Graded Response Action Plan at Central Control Room.

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, under Section 17(1)(b) & (c) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of SPCBs is to advise the State Government on any matter concerning the prevention, control or abatement of air pollution and to collect & disseminate information relating to air pollution;

WHEREAS, high level of air pollution in Delhi and National Capital Region has been a matter of serious concern and requires urgent measures to address the issue, particularly with episodic rises in pollution levels;

WHEREAS, a Graded Response Action Plan and appropriate measure to address different levels of air pollution as per National Air Quality Index (AQI) adopted by Government of India was submitted by the Central Pollution Control Board on the 25th November, 2016 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated December 2, 2016 in the matter of M.C. Mehta Vs Union of India & others regarding air quality in National Capital of Region of Delhi, a Graded Response Action Plan was prepared for implementation under PM levels for prevention of high pollution events and dealing with air pollution emergencies;

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MOEF&CC) has issued the notification vide S.O 118(E), dated 12th January, 2017 for implementation of Graded Response Action Plan through Environmental Pollution Control Authority (EPCA);

WHEREAS, the CPCB has upgraded its Central Control Room (CCR) and data from 25 Air Quality Monitoring Stations is being collected on Real Time Basis & shared with public at <https://app.cpcbccr.com/AQI/>. The average Delhi-NCR PM levels are calculated and shared through webpage and SMS alerts to all concerned officials.

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed a Central Control Room where data from all agencies operating air quality monitors have been collected and made available to the public in accordance with the prescribed standard procedure. The collected data has been compared with GRAP prescribed categories and displayed on web page (available at <https://app.cpcbccr.com/AQI/>) for sharing with the concerned authorities to display the data on all traffic signals, bus stands, metro stations, hospitals, RWAs etc. through LED/LCD having internet connectivity. Changes if any in future will be incorporated by CPCB and page will remain available, for continuous air quality display.

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed Mobile APP called "Sameer" for obtaining public complaints and for officials responsible for complaints redressal to update actions taken by them through this Mobile APP. The Mobile app also updates the citizen through response of action taken.

WHEREAS, the CPCB has developed webpages agencies-wise, where each agency can have its own webpage having information about air quality in their area, number of public complaints received form their area and details of public complaints resolved. It also displays actions taken by the agency on public complaints received.

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed a mechanism of updation of GRAP related actions taken by officers of agencies on the directions issued by EPCA/CPCB to control air pollution.

WHEREAS, the air pollution control activities are being monitored at PMO level.

WHEREAS, a High Level Task Force (HLTF) has been created at PMO level which is monitoring the air pollution control activities every month headed by Secretary, MoEFCC and having Chief Secretaries of States as its members.

WHEREAS, in a meeting held at PMO on 04.12.2017 it was decided that

- i) Traffic signals, Bus stands, Metro Stations, Hospitals, RWAs should also have pollution meters installed for awareness among citizens.
- ii) Anti pollution Helpline in NCR Districts to register complaints of specific violations.
- iii) A pollution APP should be prepared wherein citizens can take a picture of the violation and upload it for quick remedial action.


Therefore, in exercise of powers under section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the following directions are hereby issued for compliance to SPCBs;

1. To issue directions to all concerned authorities to ensure display of Air Quality Data webpage shared by CPCB at places such as Traffic intersections (by police), Metro Stations (by DMRC), Hospitals (by hospital authorities), Schools (by school management), Bus Stands, RWAs etc. Necessary arrangements to display data have to be done by these authorities/agencies on their own.
2. To publish details of Helpline numbers and MobileAPP (available for citizens to lodge their air pollution related complaints) before 31st January, 2018.
3. To direct all agencies responsible for public grievance redressal to setup their own Control Rooms in each district (for receiving complaints round the clock electronically and conveying action taken thereon electronically). All such Control Rooms should be connected with CCR, CPCB for monitoring. The information on complaints received & action taken thereon should be available electronically on real time basis. Such systems should be operational before 31st January, 2018.

The deadline for ensuring display of air quality data for:

- a. Authorities / Agencies having their LED installed and operational - 21st January, 2018.
- b. Authorities / Agencies requiring procurement of LED etc. & installation - 31st January, 2018.

The SPCBs shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction and shall communicate the action taken to CPCB within 15 days. SPCBs shall issue further directions to such authorities/agencies as may be necessary for implementation of these directions within given time limits. SPCBs to forward the list of agencies along with name, phone, email ids of the concerned officials to whom directions were issued with given deadlines.


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