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To,

The Chairman
Delhi Pollution Control Committee
4th Floor, ISBT Building
Kashmere Gate,
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DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) B OF AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981 REGARDING CONTROL OF NOISE POLLUTION

Whereas, Under Section 17 (1) (a) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) is to plan a comprehensive programme for prevention, control or abatement of air pollution in the State and to secure the execution thereof;

Whereas, Under section 2(a) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 noise is defined as air pollutant.

Whereas, as per the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the following responsibilities are vested with CPCB and SPCBs:

1. The noise levels in any area/zone shall not exceed the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise as specified in the Schedule, and
2. The respective State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) or Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) in consultation with the Central Pollution Control Board shall collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data relating to noise pollution and measures devised for its effective prevention, control and abatement.
3. The designated authority shall be responsible for the enforcement of noise pollution control measures and the due compliance of the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise.

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Whereas, CPCB issued directions under Section 18 1(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to Delhi Pollution Control Committee on 26/04/2016 to take corrective measures and direct designated authorities to control noise pollution.

Whereas, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited (DMRC) constructing the Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) covering massive network of 213 Km with 160 stations in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi.

Whereas, CPCB is receiving complaint about increase in noise pollution due to construction activity and traffic congestion in line 7 of metro phase 3 line in Delhi (copy enclosed). DMRC shall carried out their construction activities within prescribed levels and also use the noise pollution mitigation plan during construction phase of metro projects.

AND NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above stated facts and realizing significance for ensuring compliance with the existing rules and to prevent further violation of noise levels with respect to prescribed standards/limit, following directions are hereby issued to the Chairman, DPCC in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 18 1(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, to DPCC:

1. Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) shall issue directions under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and under section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to DMRC to take corrective measures to control noise pollution caused by construction activities.
2. DPCC shall direct DMRC to install noise barriers (acoustic sheds or partitions) to reduce noise levels in residential and silence zone. Scheduling truck loading, unloading, and hauling operations so as to minimize noise impact near noise sensitive locations and meet the noise standards notified in Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
3. DPCC direct DMRC to minimize noise intrusive impacts during sensitive (night) hours. Schedule work to avoid simultaneous activities that both generate high noise levels and construct temporary physical noise barriers to reduce noise pollution.

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The Delhi Pollution Control Committee shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction within 15 days and shall communicate the status on the actions plan and its implementation before 23.04.2017.

(S P Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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