



**SPEED POST**

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To,

Additional Chief Secretary, Environment  
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh  
Mantralaya, Bhopal  
Madhya Pradesh – 462001

**Sub.: Directions under Section 31A of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding preparation of action plans-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; and

WHEREAS, based on the data for the period 2015–2019, 124 cities failed to meet the prescribed standards are identified as non-attainment cities; and

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order, 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 aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms; and

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; and

WHEREAS, city action plans for six non-attainment cities of Madhya Pradesh were already approved for implementation on 12-02-2019; and

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WHEREAS, under XV- Financial commission (2020-21) funds were sanctioned to 42 million plus cities for air quality improvement; and

WHEREAS, out of 42 million plus cities 8 cities (Rajkot, Faridabad, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Vasai-Virar, Jabalpur, Chennai and Meerut) which are not non-attainment were also requested to prepare city action plan; and

WHEREAS, the city action plan for Jabalpur city of Madhya Pradesh was submitted to CPCB on 27-10-2020; and

WHEREAS, the three member committee examined the city plan of Jabalpur on 25-02-2021 and recommendations of committee are placed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II; and

WHEREAS, in view of recommendations of the three member committee, Competent Authority directed that the city action plan for aforesaid city in state of Madhya Pradesh is required to be improved.

**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 Jabalpur city keeping in view recommendation made as per Annexure-I including financial layout of each action at the earliest.

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

  
(Shiv Das Meena)  
Chairman

(PK)

- State: Madhya Pradesh
- City: Jabalpur
- Plan received on date: 27-10-2020

Key Component	Observations	Remarks
Air Quality Monitoring Network	The plan is not properly prepared. It is generic in nature and lacks specificity.	Plan needs to be re-done and submitted as per the format addressing key components.
Source Identification		
Source Apportionment (SA) and Emission Inventory (EI)		
Action Points		
Long-term Strategy		
Timeframe		
Executing Agencies		
Public Awareness and Complaint Redressal Mechanism		
Budget Support		
<b>Overall Recommendation</b>	<b>Not recommended. Plan needs to be re-done and submitted as per the format addressing key components (See Remarks).</b>	

## ANNEXURE II

General observations made by three member committee for further improvements in the plans:

**1. Emission Inventory , Source Apportionment and Carrying Capacity Assessment: Vehicular Pollution, Industrial Emissions, Population Density, Construction Activities**

The AQMCs should duly address the above issues so that the cities remain air quality compliant in future and some activities, if required, are restricted in future planning. It is expected the knowledge from EI, SA and carrying capacity assessment will upgrade the action plans.

**2. Interim Emission Reduction Targets**

The plans should include auditable and verifiable interim emission reduction targets. This will ensure continuous and timely implementation of actions.

**3. Challenges in Implementation: Role of Central Agencies**

Some actions proposed in the plans (e.g. supply of CNG or PNG) will require coordination and commitment from Central agencies. It is desirable that such actions are discussed with concerned agencies for effective implementation.

**4. Consideration to Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)**

The GRAP is an important contingency plan in NCR. The SPCBs may give due consideration to the GRAP and develop a suitable plan relevant to the emissions in the city and likelihood of their impact on air quality.

**5. District Level Monitoring Committee**

Besides AQMC, a monitoring committee headed by the Municipal Commissioner or District Magistrate comprising senior officers from concerned departments may be considered to review the progress and ensure smooth implementation of the plan.