



**SPEED POST**

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Principal Secretary, Environment  
Govt. of Tamilnadu  
Environment and Forests Department  
Secretariat, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600009

**Sub.: Directions under Section 31A of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding preparation of action plans for non-attainment cities as per Hon'ble NGT order dated 08-10-2018-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;

WHEREAS, based on the data for the period 2011–2015 and WHO report 2014/2018, 102 cities failed to meet the prescribed standards are identified as non-attainment cities;

WHEREAS, seven regional workshops were organized to sensitize SPCBs and Stakeholders to develop city specific action plan for control of air pollution in these non-attainment cities;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order dated 08-10-2018, 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 within two months aimed at bringing the standards of air quality within the prescribed norms within six months from date of finalization of the action plans;

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 by 31.01.2019;

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WHEREAS, the plans received till January 23, 2019, was examined by three member committee on 24-25 January, 2019, and compliance report submitted to Hon'ble NGT on February 15, 2019;

WHEREAS, the city plan of Thoothukudi received on 14-12-2018 was not approved by the committee and accordingly direction was issued to Principal Secretary, Environment on 12-02-2019;

WHEREAS, revised city action plan for Thoothukudi was submitted to CPCB on 29-04-2019;

WHEREAS, the three member committee examined the revised city plan of Thoothukudi on May 10, 2019 and recommendations of committee is placed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II;

WHEREAS, based on the recommendations of the three member committee, Chairman, CPCB has approved the city plan for Thoothukudi, along with the recommendations enclosed at Annexure-I, for ground implementation with immediate effect;

**Now, therefore,** in exercise of powers under Section 31 A of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, you are directed to implement the city action plan and submit progress report of the same to CPCB on quarterly basis;

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



(S. P. S. Parihar)  
Chairman

21/05/19

**Annexure – I**

- **State:** Tamilnadu
- **City:** Thoothukudi (Revised Plan)
- **Plan received on date:** 29-04-2019

<b>Key Component</b>	<b>Observations</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Comments on Revised Plan</b>
Air Quality Monitoring Network	Existing and expansion plan proposed	-	Adequate
Source Identification	The plan is not properly prepared and provides list and status of actions.	Plan needs to be re-done and submitted as per the format addressing key components.	Included
Source Apportionment (SA) and Emission Inventory (EI)			Included
Action Points			Included
Long-term Strategy			Included
Timeframe			Timelines proposed for various actions (up to five years)
Executing Agencies			Included
Public Awareness and Complaint Redressal Mechanism			Included
Budget Support			Not provided
<b>Overall Recommendation</b>	<b>Recommended with minor revisions (See Comments on Revised Plan).</b>		