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To

The Chairman
Delhi, UP, Rajasthan, Haryana SPCB/PCC

SUB: DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18(1)(b) OF THE AIR (PREVENTION & CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981 IN THE MATTER OF CONVERSION OF UNITS IN NCR DELHI INTO PNG AS FUEL-REG.

WHEREAS, under Section 17 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the function of the State Pollution Control Boards(SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees(PCCs) is to plan a comprehensive programme for the prevention, control or abatement of air pollution in the State/Union territory and to secure the execution thereof; and

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), constituted under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 is to coordinate activities of the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and to provide technical assistance and guidance to SPCBs / PCCs; and

WHEREAS, the SPCBs and PCCs are empowered to stipulate standards for discharge of environmental pollutants for various categories of industries even more stringent than those notified by the Central Government, under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and rules framed there under; and

WHEREAS, industries located in 23 Districts of UP, Haryana, Rajasthan and Delhi have been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air, which pose constant threat to cause adverse effect on the air quality in Delhi and National Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal vide its order dated December 18, 2017 in the matter of O.A.No.21/2014, Vardhaman Kaushik Vs. Union of India, noted

that "This statistics clearly shows that all the time, the ambient air quality of NCT of Delhi is polluted and for most of the period of the month it is severe and above. This is the quality of air that we are providing to the people living in NCR-Delhi and NCT of Delhi. It is clear violation of their fundamental rights". The Hon'ble Court also noted that Industrial and Thermal Power House emissions including fly ash is one of the seven major contributors of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the matter has also come up to the discussion in a meeting of the task force constituted at PMO to review air quality of NCR Delhi and to suggest action points, wherein, it was felt that effective measures to check air pollution including control of air emissions from industries and their regular monitoring through online systems (for red category-air polluting) in NCR Delhi should be ensured; and

WHEREAS, during the meeting of the task Force held on 18.12.2018, it was decided that all industries in NCR Delhi wherever gas supply is available must shift to PNG by 31st March, 2019. However, the target date was further extended to 30.04.2019 in the meeting held on 04.04.2019;

WHEREAS, CPCB has conducted review meetings with SPCBs/PCC of NCR Delhi on, 07.01.2019 and 15.05.2019 to review the status of conversion of industries into PNG as fuel in NCR Delhi (wherever gas supply is available); and

WHEREAS, CPCB through letter dated 22.02.2019, 02.04.2019, 23.04.2019 and 31.05.2019 asked SPCBs/PCC of NCR Delhi to submit the status of conversion of industries into PNG as fuel in NCR Delhi (wherever gas supply is available); and

WHEREAS, based on the status of conversion of industries into PNG submitted by the SPCBs/PCC of NCR Delhi, it is observed that in spite of availability of PNG supply in the area, still a large number of industries have not switched their operations on PNG; and

Now therefore, in a view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 18(1)(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, you are

hereby directed to issue closure directions to all such industrial units in NCR Delhi, where PNG supply is available and industry has not shifted to PNG.

Actions taken report shall be submitted to CPCB within 15 days from the receipt of these directions in the enclosed format. In case, action taken report is not provided correctly within time, CPCB shall be completed to prosecute the SPCB/PCC.

(S P Singh Parihar)
Chairman


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With the request to upload the direction on
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(B. Vinod Babu)
I/c Member Secretary



Format for submission of Action Taken Report

Status of conversion of industries into PNG as fuel in NCR (Wherever gas supply is available)

S. No.	Industrial Area	District	Regional Office	Availability of PNG Supply in the industrial area (Yes/No)	If Yes, then the status of industrie shifting to PNG			
					Total No. of industries (irrespective of fuel)	No. of industries converted into PNG	No. of industries in the process of conversion into PNG	No. of industries to whom closure directions are issued for not converting into PNG
TOTAL								