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To,

The Chairman,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th floor,
Opp. PVR Cinema, Sion Circle,
Mumbai-400 022.

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 18 (1) B OF THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981 REGARDING NOISE MAPPING, IDENTIFYING HOT SPOTS AND MITIGATION PLAN FOR 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; and

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

WHEREAS, as per the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 notified under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, 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.

WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated 15.03.2019 in the matter of OA no. 681/2018 titled "Times of India" Authored by Shri Vishwa Mohan Titled "NCAP with multiple timelines to clean air in 102 cities to be released around August 15" has directed as follows:

We also direct CPCB to prepare noise pollution map and identify hotspots and categorize the cities with specified hotspots and propose a remedial action plan. Such report may be furnished within three months by e-mail at ngt.filing@gmail.com. We are informed that in 7 cities noise monitoring mechanism has already been established by the CPCB which is functioning on continuous basis and is connected to the server of CPCB. The CPCB may consider setting up such mechanism in all the cities which are found to be having noise level above approved the threshold.

WHEREAS, CPCB has identified 46 metropolitan cities for noise mapping and subsequently identification of hot spots. List of such 46 cities is annexed; and

WHEREAS, CPCB has developed a methodology for formulation of noise mapping in consultation with NPL, NEERI and CRRI and a copy of the same is annexed. This methodology be adopted for noise mapping for further execution.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the above stated facts and compliance of Hon'ble NGT directions, following directions are hereby issued to the Chairman, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in exercise of the powers delegated to the Chairman, CPCB under Section 18 1(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981:

1. Action plan for preparation of Noise Mapping for the metropolitan city(ies) under your jurisdiction be prepared and executed by 30.11.2019 as per methodology formulated by CPCB.
2. Hot spots having violation of prescribed norms be identified and mitigation plans be prepared by 31.12.2019 so as to ensure compliance of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.

3. Reports on Noise Map(s) and Noise Mitigation action plan(s) be provided to CPCB by 31.12.2019 for submission to Hon'ble NGT.

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction within 15 days and shall communicate the action plan in the matter by 30.06.2019.


(S P Singh Parihar)
Chairman

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