



SPEED POST

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The Chairman
Gujarat State Pollution Control Board
Sector 10-A, Gandhi Nagar,
Gujarat – 382043

Sub.: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding submission of Micro-Planning details of City 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 PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} has emerged as a major health concern in most of the cities & towns, with air quality reaching to alarming levels;

WHEREAS, 124 non-attainment cities were identified by CPCB and 42 million plus cities were sanctioned funds by XV- Financial commission (2020-21) for air quality improvement including 34 non-attainment cities and 08 other million plus cities;

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;

WHEREAS, 08 million plus population cities (Rajkot, Faridabad, Jamshedpur, Ranchi, Vasai-Virar, Jabalpur, Chennai and Meerut) identified under XV Finance Commission which are not non-attainment were also requested to prepare city action plans;

WHEREAS, 132 city action plans have been rolled out for implementation and in pursuant to Hon'ble National Green Tribunal order, States and Union Territories were required to submit quarterly progress report and detailed micro-planning of the city action plans approved by AQMC to CPCB;

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WHEREAS, detailed micro planning of actions approved under city plan indicating physical and financial targets is essential to monitor and review implementation of city action plans;

WHEREAS, micro-planning received from various States/ UTs were inadequate in terms of measurable overall and annual physical and financial targets;

WHEREAS, model micro plan was shared with all SPCBs/ PCCs to facilitate the preparation of microplanning, vide CPCB emails dated 20.04.2021 and 06.05.2021;

WHEREAS, reminder dated 14-07-2021 were sent to Gujarat State Pollution Control Board by CPCB to submit micro-plans as per the shared model plan;

WHEREAS, micro plans of Vadodara and Rajkot cities are inadequate; and

Now therefore, in exercise of powers vested under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 you are directed to submit detailed micro plan of action plans approved by AQMCs or aforesaid city/cities as per the CPCB letter dated 14-07-2021;

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and micro plans shall be submitted to CPCB before 10-08-2021.


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Chairman

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