



SPEED POST

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To,

Additional Chief Secretary,
Dept of 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 implementation of action plans-reg.

WHEREAS, Sections 16 (2) (b) (d) (g) and (j) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, mandates Central Pollution Control Board (hereinafter referred to 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; 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- Finance 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 which was submitted to CPCB on 27-10-2020 was not approved by the Committee and accordingly direction was issued to Additional Chief Secretary, Dept of Environment, on 11-03-2021; and

WHEREAS, the revised city action plan for Jabalpur city was submitted to CPCB on 15-03-2021; and

WHEREAS, the three member Committee examined the city plan of Jabalpur on 15-03-2021 and approved the plan with some conditions & recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the revised city action plan for Jabalpur city incorporating all recommendations of three member Committee was submitted to CPCB on 13-08-2021; and

WHEREAS, in view of the above, Competent Authority has approved the city action plan for aforesaid city in state of Madhya Pradesh along with the recommendations enclosed at Annexure-I and Annexure-II, 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, submit financial layout of each action within 30 days 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.

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(Tanmay Kumar)
Chairman

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- **State:** Madhya Pradesh
- **City:** Jabalpur
- **Plan received on date:** 13-08-2021

Key Component	Action plan dated 27-10-2020		Comments on Revised Plan dated 15-03-2021	Comments on Revised Plan dated 13-08-2021	
	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.	Adequate	Monitoring network may be updated as on plan dated 15.03.2021 (NAMP stations not as per CPCB Guidelines)	
Source Identification			Included		-
Source Apportionment (SA) and Emission Inventory (EI)			SA/ EI study proposed		-
Action Points			Included		-
Long-term Strategy			Included		-
Timeframe			*Timelines proposed for various actions (up to 5 years)		-
Executing Agencies			Included		-
Public Awareness and Complaint Redressal Mechanism			Included		-
Budget Support			Provided		-
Comments for improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *It is observed that there is a substantial scope to reduce the proposed timelines in the city action plan and these timelines may be carefully examined (e.g. Vehicle point no. 5 may be reduce to 1 year, construction activity point no. 2.iii may be reduce, industries point no. 1 may be reduce to 6 months and for Strengthening of AAQ Monitoring network point no. 1 all stations will be installed within in 1 year etc.) • PUC Instruments to be calibrated as per the guidelines • Banning of diesel vehicles should be 10 years and beyond • No non-complying industries should be allowed to operate within the city limits. <p><i>#Condition for approval: The committee is approved the city action plan of Jabalpur on the condition that the state will submit the same plan including the comments provided by the committee and with the approval of state level AQMC.</i></p>		Adequate		
Overall Recommendation	Recommended with minor revisions (See Comments on Revised Plan dated 13-08-2021)				

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.