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To

1. The Chairman
U.P. State Pollution Control Board
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VibhutiKhand, Gomti Nagar
Lucknow – 226 020
2. The Chairman
Haryana State Pollution Control Board
C-11, Sector – 6
Panchkula- 134109
3. The Chairman
Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board
A-4, Jalane Dungri Institutional Area
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Sub.: Directions under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding extensive field feedback and rigorous implementation of Graded Response Action Plan in National Capital Region (NCR) for maintain air quality during upcoming winter season- reg.

WHEREAS, under Section 17(1) (a) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, one of the functions of SPCBs is to plan comprehensive programs for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to secure the execution thereof;

WHEREAS, rising air pollution in Delhi & NCR towns is a matter of serious concerns, especially with regards to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated December 02, 2016 in the matter of M. C. Mehta vs. Union of India regarding air quality in National Capital Region of Delhi, a Graded Response Action Plan was prepared for implementation under different Air Quality Index (AQI) categories for prevention of high pollution events and dealing with air pollution emergencies;

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change notified implementation of Graded Response Action Plan through Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority vide S.O. 118 (E) dated January 12, 2017;

WHEREAS, historical trends indicate further increased levels of air pollution in Delhi and NCR towns during winter season between October 15 to February 15;

WHEREAS, a few matches of 17th FIFA- U17 World Cup, will be held in Delhi during October 06 - 16, 2017. This being an important event with international focus, necessary actions are required to be taken for ensuring desired air quality in Delhi & NCR towns during the period;

WHEREAS, Diwali will be celebrated on October 19, 2017, which may add to higher air pollution levels;

WHEREAS, winter season being critical with regard to air pollution and considering FIFA and Diwali during the period, it is necessary to step up efforts to control air pollution;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers under Section 18 (1) (b) of The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, following directions are hereby issued,

1. To enforce Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in NCR town with greater vigor
2. To constitute and depute teams for extensive field visits during September 15, 2017 – February 15, 2017 to get ground level feedback on air polluting sources and level of implementation of actions identified under GRAP.
3. To ensure on spot reporting by teams to implementing agencies identified under GRAP.
4. To monitor corrective actions taken by implementing agencies and submit weekly report to CPCB.

The SPCBs shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction immediately and shall communicate the action taken to CPCB within 07 days. SPCBs shall issue further directions to such authorities as may be necessary for implementation of these directions.


(S.P.S Parihar)
Chairman

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