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SPEED POST

October 01, 2019

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**Sub.: Direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 for strict vigilance for ensuring zero tolerance to air polluting activities in upcoming winter months Oct 2019 – Feb 2020 - reg.**

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b), (f) and (j) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board to execute nation- wide program for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and organize a comprehensive program and perform such other functions as may be prescribed;

WHEREAS, air pollution in Delhi NCR during critical winter months is a matter of serious concern, especially with regard to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to meeting of High level Task Force held on December 18, 2018, 13 hotspots were identified in Delhi for micro level action planning;

WHEREAS, in pursuant to Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dated October 29, 2018 in W.P (civil) 13029/1985, accounts on Twitter and Facebook are being operated for providing citizens ease of lodging complaints and quick transmission to concerned agencies for redressal. Further, Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated November 26, 2018 in W.P. (civil) 13029/1985 directed for immediate action for prosecution against agencies with inadequate public complaint redressal;

WHEREAS, CPCB carried out a preliminary inspection of hotspots and 28 traffic corridors during August 22-31, 2019 to review ground level implementation of control measures and it was noted that dust from unpaved roads, unauthorized parking and traffic congestion were prominent air polluting activities. Further, a meeting to assess preparedness for upcoming winters was held on September 06, 2019 with concerned stakeholders and it was directed to ensure dedicated actions with special attention to hotspot areas, weekly reporting to CPCB, effective enforcement of recommendations by Task Force and increased public engagement;

WHEREAS, it is evident from observations mentioned in paras above, that directions issued from time to time for maintaining air quality in Delhi NCR need to be effectively implemented with zero tolerance towards sources of air pollution;

WHEREAS, air quality in Delhi NCR becomes susceptible to deterioration during winter months under unfavorable meteorological conditions and if effective preventive actions are not taken the situation may worsen;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers delegated under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, it is directed to ensure firm actions with regard to following,

- a. Strict enforcement of preventive, punitive and mitigative actions in identified traffic corridors
- b. Strict vigilance and action including issuing challan to visibly polluting and overloaded vehicles
- c. Random auditing of Pollution under Control (PUC) certification centers before onset of winter season
- d. Implementing effective parking plan and action against unauthorized parking of vehicles especially in congested areas
- e. Rigorous follow up and swift action on complaints forwarded through SAMEER app and Social Media accounts (Facebook & Twitter), preferably within 24 hours.
- f. Weekly action taken reports informing regulatory actions, prosecutions, penalties imposed, etc. to be submitted every Monday to CPCB

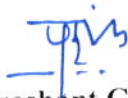
The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and action taken communicated within 07 days of receipt of same.

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