

SPEED POST

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The Commissioner
Delhi Police Headquarters
IP Estate, TPO, New Delhi- 110002

Sub.: Direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding taking effective actions to control traffic congestion and effective traffic management at busy intersections in Delhi- reg.

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b), (f) and (j) mandated the Central Pollution Control Board under The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1985 on execution of 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, rising air pollution in Delhi is a matter of serious concern, especially with regards to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

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

WHEREAS, direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 dated November 01, 2016 was issued to The Commissioner, Delhi for effective movement of traffic at busy intersections;

WHEREAS, a Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was notified by MoEFCC on January 12, 2017 for implementation of identified actions under different Air Quality Index (AQI) categories for prevention of high pollution events and dealing with air pollution emergencies, and concerned agencies are required to take actions as per the plan;

WHEREAS, with implementation of actions under 'Very Poor' category of GRAP with effect from October 17, 2017, you are required to ensure actions as notified in GRAP be taken;

WHEREAS, winter season being critical with regard to air pollution, CPCB teams have been deputed to visit various areas in Delhi starting September 01, 2017 to provide ground feedback on air polluting activities & level of implementation of GRAP;

WHEREAS, during field visits made between September 01, 2017 to October 24, 2017, a large number of incidences of traffic congestion and visibly polluting vehicles were observed;

WHEREAS, it is evident from observations mentioned in paras above, that direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 issued on November 01, 2016, and GRAP are not effectively implemented and sources of air pollution remain uncontrolled;

WHEREAS, Delhi air quality is deteriorating and is under 'Very Poor' AQI consecutively for past 14 days and if effective actions are not taken the situation may further worsen;

Now therefore, in exercise of powers delegated to The Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 and in view of deteriorating air quality in Delhi, you are directed to ensure corrective actions with regard to following.

Strict enforcement of actions identified in GRAP for Delhi Police under 'Very Poor' AQI and direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 dated November 01, 2016, particularly in respect of following.

- a) Deploying traffic police for smooth traffic flow at identified vulnerable areas and ensure effective traffic management at busy intersections.
- b) Identification of roads with heavy traffic and providing information of same to respective Municipal Commissioners
- c) Strict vigilance and action against visibly polluting vehicles by impounding or heavy fine.
- d) Strictly enforce Supreme Court order on diversion of non-destined truck traffic and ensure only trucks registered after 2005 are allowed entry into Delhi

You are further directed to ensure that no recurrence of air polluting incidences identified above occur in future and weekly status report submitted to CPCB every Monday.

Delhi Police shall acknowledge the receipt of this direction immediately and shall communicate the action taken report within 07 days of receipt of same.

(S.P. Singh Parihar)

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