

SPEED POST

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The Chairman
National Highways Authority of India
G 5 & 6, Sector- 10
Dwarka, New Delhi- 110 075

Sub.: Direction under Section 5 of The Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding taking effective dust control measures - 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, 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 construction activity including NHAI projects without adequate dust control measures were reported;

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, it is directed that corrective actions to adequately arrest dust arising from NHAI construction project may be ensured, in addition to daily mechanized cleaning of highways and vigorous water sprinkling on traffic hotspot areas.


It is further directed that weekly report (every Monday) may be sent to CPCB, and receipt of this direction be acknowledged and action taken report be given to CPCB within 07 days.


(S.P. Singh Parihar)


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