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Sub: Direction under section 31 (A) of Air (Pollution and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 read with Rule 20A(6) of the Air (Pollution and Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) Rules, 1983.

Whereas, Central Pollution Control Board is the State Board for all the Union Territories to exercise powers and performs functions under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board has delegated all its powers and functions under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in respect of NCT of Delhi to Delhi Pollution Control Committee vide Notification No. S.O. 198(E) dated 15.03.1991.

And whereas, whole of Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as air pollution control area vide Notification No. GSR 106(E) dated 20.02.1987 under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the said Air Act, 1981.

And whereas, as per section 17 (1) (a) of Air Act, 1981, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) is to plan a comprehensive program for the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to secure execution thereof.

And whereas, Hon'ble Supreme court of India and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in various orders have directed Government of NCT of Delhi to initiate steps to curb the dust pollution.

And whereas, in pursuant to the order dated 02.12.2016 of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of M.C.Mehta Vs Union of India & others regarding air quality, Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has been notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India on 12.01.2017 for implementation through Environment Pollution(Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA).

And whereas, the Commission on Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, in its meeting held on 10 Nov 2020, decided that in view of deteriorating Air Quality in NCR region, there is a need to invoke the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) already notified by Central Government and entrusted the task of operationalizing and the monitoring the GRAP measures to Central Pollution Control Board, till a mechanism is set up by the Commission.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board has reviewed Air Quality and Metrological scenario, it has been observed that PM_{2.5} level in Delhi NCR had exceeded 300µg/m³ at 19:00 hrs on 8th November 2020 and persisted for more than 48 hr at 19:00 hrs on 10th November

2020. However, a declined trend was observed since 12:00 hr of 10th November 2020 and PM_{2.5} Concentration has now come down below 300µg/m³ since 05:00 hr of 11th November 2020.

And whereas, currently the AQI is in very poor category and as per Air Quality forecast dated 11th November 2020 for Delhi city by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, Ministry of Earth Science. Air Quality over Delhi NCR is likely to improve and stay in upper end of very poor category during the Day and Tomorrow. However, Air Quality may deteriorate marginally and remain in upper end of very poor to severe category on November 13, 2020.

In view of the above and considering likely increase in activity during festive season following actions shall to be ensured by all the implementing agencies:

- a) Hot mix plants and stone crushers shall remain closed all the time till 17 November 2020.
- b) Frequency of mechanized cleaning of roads and water sprinkling to be increased particularly on the road stretches with high dust generation potential.
- c) It shall be ensured that the guidelines/Standard Operating Procedure for dust mitigation at construction sites are strictly adhered to. In case of violation, strict action should be taken against the violators like imposition of penalty/ temporary stoppage of construction activities.
- d) The states of Punjab & Haryana must take immediate stringent action to curb stubble burning. Biomass burning in Delhi and other NCR towns must also be strictly checked.
- e) Agencies must ensure compliance of orders of Hon'ble Courts and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal regarding banning of sale and use of firecrackers.

All the land owning agencies, Delhi Police and Local Bodies are hereby directed to take necessary steps to comply with the above directions.

In case of non-compliance, action as per the provisions contained in Section 37 of the Air Act, 1981 shall be initiated against the defaulters.


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