



DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
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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, Act 1983 to stop all Civil Engineering Construction and demolition activities in Delhi.

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, Delhi is facing severe ambient air pollution levels since the last few days and level of pollutants like particulate (PM 2.5, PM 10) has gone up multifold. Activities related to construction and demolition have been identified as major sources of air pollution and continuation of such activity may aggravate the situation.

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 National Green Tribunal in various orders has directed to initiate steps to curb the dust during construction and demolition activities.

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, EPCA in its meeting held on 17.10.2017 has decided that in Delhi provisions of very poor and severe category of GRAP will be enforced from 17th October, 2017 to 15th March, 2018, irrespective of Ambient Air Quality Levels in NCT of Delhi.

Keeping in view of curbing high air pollution in Delhi especially in respect of high PM 10 and PM 2.5 levels and directions of EPCA under GRAP, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Delhi has vide

meeting with all the stakeholder departments/agencies on 08.11.2017, has directed to ban Civil Engineering construction activities in Delhi.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 read with Rule 20A (6) of the Air Rules, 1983, it is directed that **all Civil Engineering Construction and Demolition activities in Delhi are banned till further orders.** All the construction related agencies in Delhi, Private & Government Builders and general public is hereby directed to stop all the civil engineering construction and demolition activities with immediate effect till further orders.

All the Land Owning agencies, construction agencies, DPCC and Local Bodies have to take necessary steps to comply with the directions regarding the stoppage of all Civil Engineering construction and demolition activities and measures taken to control the dust emissions, All the agencies shall submit daily action taken report (ATR) to "DPCC" on Email id **msdpcc@nic.in**.

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

This issues with the approval of Chairman, DPCC.


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Member Secretary

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9. Director General CPWD, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
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11. MD,DMRC, Metro Bhawan, Connaught Place, New Delhi
12. CEO, Delhi Cantonment Board, Delhi Cant, New Delhi
13. Chairman, NHAI, Dwarka, Delhi.
14. All Contractors/ Agencies involved in Government construction related works through the respective executing agencies.
15. All Public of NCT of Delhi through Public Notice.
16. Secretary DIP for information to the General Public.


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