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Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

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**DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 31(A) OF THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981, READ WITH RULE 20(A) OF KARNATAKA AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) RULES, 1983.**

Sub: Prevention and Control of Noise Pollution in Bangalore City and also to improve Ambient Air quality.

Ref: (1) Provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.  
(2) Provisions of the Noise pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.  
(3) GO No. FEE 46 ENV 2000, Dated: 13/8/2002.  
(4) This office directions No.7908, dated 28-3-2014.

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**PREAMBLE:**

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued directions under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide reference 4 above directing the Commissioner, Department of Police and Addl. Commissioner of Police (Traffic Division) as follows;

- To declare an area not less than 100 meters around all Government Hospitals in Bangalore and High Court Silence Zone and any other areas as deemed necessary for maintain as Silence Zone.
- To declare the traffic junction as no honking zone and to display signages in consultation with Home Department.
- To regulate the developmental activities, installation of air-conditioners and blower in the commercial establishment, generators, etc. causing noise pollution and affecting the quality of life and to avoid noise menace and to achieve the objectives of maintaining the ambient air quality standard in respect of noise.
- To prohibit all sound emitting construction equipments/activities except on going metro rail works during the night time (10 PM to 6 AM).

Further, a co-ordination committee was constituted comprising of the department of Transport, BBMP, BMTC, BDA and Police. Seven Coordination Committee meetings were held between 09-04-2014 to 16-08-2014. Even though, the BBMP has taken certain measures, the same is not adequate in controlling the noise and air pollution, which is evident from the noise levels recorded at five different locations by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. The noise levels are

exceeding the stipulated limits. The present noise levels were communicated to the BBMP vide KSPCB letter dated 7.2.2014.

It is attributed that the increase in RSPM levels is predominately due to vehicular traffic due to resuspension of dust accumulated on the road sides, medians, bad maintenance of roads, construction activities without covering the construction area and construction material, un-cleared garbage and setting garbage on fire, frequent road cuttings and non-removal of the excess earth after the repair works, encroachment of footpath by hawkers, the parking area in multi storied buildings and commercial building are converted for non-parking commercial use, etc. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka viewed this matter seriously.

The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka during the hearing on 18.08.2014 in the said writ petition has viewed seriously about the increase in ambient noise and air quality levels.

Therefore, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board hereby invokes Section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and issue the further specific directions. Hence, the following order thereof:

#### **ORDER**

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 31 (a) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 Read with 20 (A) of Karnataka Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board hereby directs to formulate an action plan to implement the following directions so as to improve the air quality in Bangalore city:

- a) To plan comprehensive parking management programme for Bangalore city
- b) To initiate action for removal of dust/silt accumulated on roadside/median using mechanical means on regular basis.
- c) To initiate action for filling portholes and road cutting to facilitate for smooth flow traffic.
- d) To take action to evacuate non-parking activities in area earmarked for parking as per approved building plan.
- e) To coordinate with Police and Transport department to facilitate proper parking of vehicles.
- f) To remove encroachments of footpaths by hawkers in market place.
- g) To avoid open burning of garbage initiate action to remove the garbage dumped.
- h) To construct more number of multi level vehicle parking.
- i) To take action to transport the silt removed from the storm water drains.
- j) To take action to notify boundaries of residential area, commercial area and silence zone in coordination with Bangalore Development Authority and Police Department.
- k) To ensure construction and demolition of buildings are carried out by providing an enclosure.
- l) To regulate the stocking of construction material shall be minimal at site and debries shall be cleared frequently without accumulation.

- m) To ensure that, the BBMP vehicles and the vehicles engaged by the contractors comply with the Noise regulation and Automobile emission regulations.
- n) To ensure that the solid waste and debris transportation vehicles are covered.

Failing to comply with the above directions will attract penal action as per Section 37 of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

For and on behalf of the  
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

Sd/-  
**CHAIRMAN**

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