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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.

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 regulate the traffic in Bangalore city to avoid traffic jam to reduce noise and air pollution.
- To take action on the drivers of the motor vehicles honking in the traffic junction unnecessarily creating the noise pollution.
- To declare all major traffic junction in Bangalore city as no honking zones and to display signages.
- To regulate the use of loud speakers/public address systems, music system etc. as per the restriction mentioned under GO No.FEE 46 ENV 2000, dated 13-8-2002.
- To seize all such producing gadgets viz., loud speakers, amplifiers and all other equipment which produces the offending noise and violating the law.
- To seize bore well rigs, drilling borewells during night (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 Police Department has conducting regular drives for verifying the sound pollution and to book the defaulters under the Police Act. There is no tangible reduction in the ambient noise levels which is evident from the noise levels

recorded at five different locations. The noise levels are far exceeding the stipulated limits. The present Noise levels were communicated to the Police Department vide KSPCB letter dated 14.8.2014.

It is attributed that the increase in RSPM levels is predominately due to vehicular traffic. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka viewed this matter seriously. To improve the air quality the Government vide order No.FEE 120 ECO 2002, dated 02-12-2003 has drawn an action plan for Bangalore city within the outer ring road of Bangalore. The Task Force constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka is reviewing the implementation of action plan.

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.

The continued increase in vehicular population and the traffic congestions are the main factors for deterioration of ambient air quality and increase in noise levels far in excess of stipulated standards.

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 ban the entry of heavy motor vehicles (HMTVs) within the outer ring road of Bangalore City.
- b) Not to issue of permissions to conduct/organize functions in the road blocking the traffic, movement of pedestrians, use of loudspeakers and public address system in contravention with the Noise (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and Government of Karnataka Notification No.FEE 46 ENV 2000, dated 13.8.2002.
- c) To conduct a comprehensive study and plan for regulating the traffic.
- d) To direct KSRTC & BMTC to strictly adhere to the traffic rules viz., lane discipline, parking/ stopping of vehicles at designated bus bays/stop.
- e) To impose heavy fine of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) for vehicles exceeding the noise limits and vehicles fitted with shrill horns and defective/altered silencers not in conformity with regulations.
- f) To coordinate with BBMP and Transport department to regulate the parking of vehicles in Bangalore.
- g) The encroachment of footpaths by hawkers in market place and also during festival season shall be regulated so as to ensure that the hawkers do not obstruct the movement of pedestrian and traffic.

- h) To deploy adequate traffic police/traffic volunteers at strategic locations where there are frequent traffic jams to regulate the smooth flow of vehicles.
- i) To introduce dedicated bus lanes in major roads in Central Buisness District of Bangalore city.
- j) To adopt intelligent transportation system by use of automated traffic control system.
- k) To conduct awareness programme in Bangalore city to educate the public on following traffic regulations and educate them on the prevailing penal actions using print and visual media services.

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
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