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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 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 letter 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 Transport as follows:

- To ensure that the vehicles are fitted only with the authorized horn and silencers, which emits the sound within permissible limits.
- To take all necessary measures to avoid noise menace due to vehicles and to achieve ambient air quality standards in respect of noise.
- To instruct all the Regional Transport office to ensure that the sound levels of the vehicles shall not exceed limits specified in Para-E of Schedule-VI of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, which be treated for the present as operative guidelines & the Vehicle Dealers shall be informed, that no vehicles be sold, if the same do not meet the standard of the sound levels mentioned above.

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 Transport department has made few attempts to conduct special checking drives for verifying the sound pollution and to book the defaulters under the MV 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. Noise levels were communicated to the Transport Department vide KSPCB letter dated 14.8.2014.

The continued increase in vehicular population is going to further increase the ambient noise levels. It is observed from the statistical data of monitoring carried out by Transport Department that the checking drives are not commensurate with the number of vehicles playing on the roads. There is no auditing of the emission testing centres. There is no control on entry of heavy motor vehicles inside the outer ring road of Bangalore City, these HMVs are sometimes overloaded which will in turn create more noise and air pollution. All these factors are resulting in increase in ambient noise levels. The present ambient noise levels is affecting the health of public and creating nuisance.

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, to control the noise levels, the Board hereby issues further directions. Hence, the 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 the Karnataka Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983, KSPCB hereby directs to formulate an action plan to implement the following;

- a) To restrict registration of new vehicles in Bangalore City till the noise levels meet the stipulated standards.
- b) To regulate the entry of heavy motor vehicles within the outer ring road of Bangalore City.
- c) To ban the use of two stroke vehicles within Bangalore city
- d) To ban auto rickshaws in Central business district of Bangalore city in a phased manner.
- e) To ban more than 15 years old heavy motor vehicles (HMVs) within BBMP limits.
- f) To intensively check the noise levels from the vehicles to ensure conformity with the stipulated noise limits.
- g) To establish noise level testing facilities in the emission checking centres for certifying the noise levels of the vehicles and horns fitted to it.
- h) To conduct a comprehensive study and plan for regulating the traffic.
- i) To direct KSRTC & BMTC to strictly adhere to the traffic rules viz., lane discipline, parking/ stopping of vehicles at designated bus bays/stop.
- j) To impose heavy fine of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) for vehicles exceeding the noise limits and vehicles fitted with horns not in conformity with regulations.
- k) To conduct awareness programmes in Bangalore city to educate the public on following traffic Rules 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 the 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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