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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 Air Pollution in Bangalore City and to improve Ambient Air quality.

Ref: Provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

PREAMBLE:

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has established 15 Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations including two real time stations in BBMP area. It is observed from the monitoring results that the ambient air quality in respect of Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter (RSPM) has exceeded the standards prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 at all the monitoring stations. The results of analysis are periodically communicated to the Transport Department, the latest communication is on 7.2.2014.

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 has 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 Transport sector in Bangalore is contributing to about 44% in respect of RSPM pollutant.

The continued increase in vehicular population is going to further deteriorate the air quality. Even though in the action plan, it is recommended introduction of "No Pollution under Control Certificate - No Fuel Scheme in petrol/diesel" at fuel dispensing stations by October 2004;

this has not been implemented. Further, it is observed that, there is no mechanism to alert the vehicular owners to get the periodical checking of emissions from vehicles. There is no control on entry of heavy motor vehicles inside the outer ring road, over loaded vehicles are entering Bangalore city, resulting in higher air emissions and noise levels.

All these factors are resulting in deterioration of air quality, which is evident from the Source Apportionment Study of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) carried out by Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) during 2007 to 2011. It is apprehended that the deteriorating air quality will affect the health of general public in particular and flora, fauna and properties.

Therefore, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board hereby invokes Section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and issues the following specific directions as under:

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, read with Rule 20(A) of the 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 restrict registration of new vehicles in Bangalore City till the noise levels and air quality standards are met.
- b) To ban the entry of heavy motor vehicles (HMs) within the outer ring road of Bangalore City. The HMs shall be terminated at the outer ring road by creating proper facilities for its parking.
- c) To ban the use of two stroke vehicles within BBMP area.
- d) To ban auto rickshaws in central business district of Bangalore city in a phased manner.
- e) To ban use of more than 15 years old HMs within Bangalore city.
- f) To intensively check the emission levels of the vehicles to ensure conformity with the stipulated automobile emission limits.
- g) To audit the emission checking centres in at regular intervals.
- h) To conduct a comprehensive study and plan for regulating the traffic.
- i) To direct BMTC & KSRTC to convert the existing vehicles to green fuel like CNG and to draw a road map for implementation.
- j) To direct KSRTC & BMTC to strictly adhere to the traffic rules viz., lane discipline, parking/ stopping of vehicles at designated bus bays/stop.
- k) To impose heavy fine of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) for vehicles exceeding the automobile emission limits and if the offence is compounded initiate action to suspend the registration certificate / seize the vehicles.

- l) 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.
- m) To issue necessary notification restricting the sale of fuel in BBMP area for vehicles not having Pollution under Control Certificate.

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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