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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 & Noise Pollution in Bangalore City and also to improve Ambient Air quality & reduce ambient noise level.

- 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.
(5) This office directions Dated: 25/8/2014
(6) Interim Orders of the Hon'ble High Court Dated: 29/4/2015.
(5) Inspection Report of Regional Officer, Bangalore West Dated: 4/6/2015.

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 5 above directing the Commissioner, BBMP to comply with directions indicated in the order which include the following;

- To initiate action for removal of dust/silt accumulated on roadside/median using mechanical means on regular basis.
- To initiate action for filling potholes and road cutting to facilitate for smooth flow traffic.
- To take action to evacuate non-parking activities in area earmarked for parking as per approved building plan.
- To regulate the stocking of construction material shall be minimal at site and debris shall be cleared frequently without accumulation.

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The Board has established the ambient air quality monitoring station at Yeshwanthapur Police Station and regularly monitoring the ambient Air Quality. The Monitored data is regularly being communicated to the Commissioner, BBMP to take necessary steps. As per the monitored data of the ambient air quality, the annual average concentration of Respirable particulate matter $129 \mu\text{g}/\text{M}^3$ which is about 200 % more the Ambient air Quality standards notified by Ministry of Environment and Forests. The monitored data is showing increasing trend in RSPM.

The Board is also monitoring ambient noise level at Yeshwanthapur Police station. As per the monitored data, the ambient noise levels 71.7 db(A) leq.

In the directions issued vide reference (4), it was indicated that that the increased in RSPM levels is attributed predominately due to vehicular traffic due to re-suspension 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 Regional Officer, Bangalore West inspected the area on 4.6.2015 and the observations made are as under;

- a) The Roads conditions is badly maintained due to which the dust is accumulated at the kerbs on either side. Due to vehicular movement, this dust gets re-suspended and contributing to increased concentration of Respirable Particulate Matter recorded in the monitored station

The above observations is clear violations of the directions already issued by the Board vide reference (4) which is the main cause for deteriorating ambient air quality & noise levels in the area.

The Hon'ble High Court in its interim Order Dated 29/4/2015 directed the Board to prohibit the offending activity or removal of dust by issuing appropriate direction to any person or authority under the Provisions of the Air Act, 1981.

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 implement the following within 15 days so as to improve the air quality and reduce the noise levels in and Around Yeshwanthpura Police Station.

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- a) To take immediate action for removal of dust/silt accumulated on roadside/ median either by mechanical means or manually on regular basis in the road connecting Maramma Circle to CMTI & Malleswaram 8th Cross to Mathikere Road including Yeshwanthpur fly over & service roads on either side of Tumkur Road..
 - b) Remove the silt accumulated on the top of Median/ road divider which is falling back to Road and causing source of particulate matter during movement of vehicles.
 - c) Fill the Pot holes & road cutting in the entire area to facilitate for smooth flow traffic within 15 days.

Failure 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/-

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- 3) Office copy.


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