

ORDER

Whereas the National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi has passed orders in Application No. 118/2013 in the matter of Vikrant Kumar Tongad Vs. Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority & Ors. regarding disposal of Paddy & Wheat straw on 10.12.2015; and,

Whereas, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Environment Department vide order no. 16/11/2016/3 Env. dated 27.05.2016 constituted Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Department, Haryana to review the compliance of directions issued by the Hon'ble NGT as well as Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, which was amended vide Endst No. 16/11/2016 - 3 Env dated 27.07.2016 for the effective implementation of the above directions;

To get the compliance of all the directions of the Hon'ble NGT/ High Court effectively, a District Level Committee under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner concerned comprising of the following officers is hereby constituted:-

1. Deputy Director, Agriculture Department, Haryana.
2. Development of Panchayats Department, Haryana.
3. Tehsildar/Naib Tehsildar of Revenue & Disaster Department, Haryana.
4. Deputy Superintendent of Police.
5. Regional Officer of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board, having jurisdiction over the district.

- i.) The District Committee will comply with the directions through Agriculture Development Officer/ Agriculture Inspector, Patwari, Panchayat Secretary, Village Chowkidar and Nambardar, Sarpanch Gram Panchayat, Police Personnel etc.
- ii.) The committee shall meet every week during the harvest season(September to November & April to June) regularly to plan and ensure compliance/ implementation of orders/directions regarding prevention of stubble/paddy straw burning.

The following duties will be performed by the District Level Committee:-

- a) Constitution of special teams to monitor and physically inspect the sites to ensure that there is no agriculture crop residue burning in their respective jurisdictions.
- b) Implementation of the National Policy for Management of Crop Residue, 2014 at District Level.
- c) Educating and advising the farmers through media, Gram Panchayats and Corporations that crop residue burning is injurious to human health, causes serious air pollution and is now banned or prohibited by law.
- d) To ensure the compliance of Notification prohibiting agriculture crop residue burning are enforced rigorously and proper action is taken against the defaulters and to collect **Environmental Compensation under Environmental Compensation heading** to be maintained as a separate account as per the terms given below:-

- Small land holders having an area less than 2 Acres shall pay Environmental Compensation of Rs. 2500/- per incidence.
- Land holders having land area more than 2 Acres but Less than 5 Acres shall pay Environmental Compensation of Rs. 5000/- per incidence.
- Land holders having land area more than 5 Acres shall pay Environmental Compensation of Rs. 15000/- per incidence.

The committee shall formulate an action plan for utilization of this amount for the restoration of degraded environment in that area.

- e) Providing Machines, Mechanism and Equipments or its cost to the farmers arranged by Agriculture Department to ensure that agricultural residue in the field are removed, collected and stored at appropriate identified sites and,
- Such equipments like happy seeders provided by Agriculture Department be provided to small farmers having land area less than 2 Acres free of cost and,
 - For the farmers possessing area of more than 2 Acres but Less than 5 Acres, the cost for such machines to be Rs. 5000/- and,
 - For land owners having land area more than 5 Acres the cost for such machines to be Rs. 15,000/-. (These costs are for each crop growing season only once)
- f) The Deputy Commissioners shall further ensure from the Gram Panchayats that farmers are educated by holding special programme for Public Hearing, circulated phamplates and by demonstrating to the farmers the amount of pollution caused and consequential harm to public health, including that of their children from agricultural residue burning in open, as well as the possible ways for disposing agricultural residue by even providing benefit in terms of money.
- g) The Committee shall also bring the orders of NGT to the notice of the farmers of the district.

Dated, Chandigarh the
05th October, 2016

Shrikant Walgad, IAS
Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana
Environment Department.

Dated 5-10-2016

Endst No. 16/11/2016-3 Env

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and compliance:-

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1. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Revenue & Disaster Department.
2. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Home
3. Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Agriculture Department.
4. Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Urban Local Bodies Department.
5. Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana, Environment Department.
6. Director General of Police, Haryana.
7. Director, Environment Department, Haryana.
8. Director, Revenue & Disaster Department, Haryana.
9. Commissioner Excise & Taxation Department, Haryana.

10. Director, Industry & Commerce Department, Haryana
11. Director, HAREDA Department, Haryana.
12. Director, Development & Panchayats Department, Haryana.
13. Director, Agriculture Department, Haryana.
14. All Deputy Commissioner in the Haryana State.
15. Branch Incharges of Haryana State Pollution Control Board
16. All the Regional Officers of Haryana State Pollution Control Board
17. Secretary to Chief Secretary, Haryana for kind information of worthy Chief Secretary.

Anita
Superintendent
For Principal Secretary to Govt. Haryana
Environment Department *ASD*

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