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ORDER

Subject: Implementation of the directions/orders of CAQM and directions/orders issued for implementation GRAP by CAQM.

Whereas, in the wake of poor air quality in GNCT Delhi and NCR area, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in National Capital Region issued directions for implementation of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP Stage - I, II, III & IV), including the stoppage of operation of various industrial activities and Construction and Demolition activities and accordingly, CAQM issued the directions/orders of implementation of GRAP to all the concerned agencies including HSPCB;

Whereas, a meeting was held on 20.11.2024 under the Chairmanship of Chairperson, CAQM to review the implementation of directions/orders of GRAP Stage-IV. It was noted that there is a gap in regard to the action taken by the HSPCB, as per the inspections conducted during the GRAP period. There is a need to take expeditious action by the HSPCB on the findings of inspections conducted during the GRAP period. The Hon'ble Apex Court in WP (C) No. 13029 of 1985 has taken cognizance regarding the poor air quality in Delhi and NCR and vide order dated 18.11.2024, directed the State Governments to take all possible action to brought down the AQI;

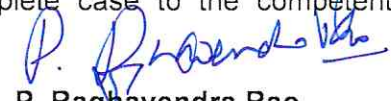
Whereas, HSPCB has already delegated powers to the Regional officers of the Board vide order endst. dated 19.03.2020 for issuance of closure direction against industrial sectors found operating in violation of the directions of CAQM (Erstwhile EPCA);

Whereas, the orders/directions issued by the CAQM pertain to implementation of the GRAP which were addressed to the Chairman, Haryana State Pollution Control Board, including closure and imposition of Environmental Compensation;

In view of above, the Regional Officers are hereby directed to issue closure directions to the operations of the units and other activities which have been banned/restricted by the CAQM under the GRAP and also directed to levy environmental compensation on the illegal use of DG sets, Construction & Demolition activities during the Stage III & IV of GRAP as per the schedule of environmental compensation issued by the CAQM vide letter dated 06.02.2024.

Further, the Regional Officers shall also mention in closure direction that if, the concerned project proponent complied with the directions and submit their request for resumption/suspension of their closure direction and also deposit the environmental compensation, then the Regional Officer shall submit the complete case to the competent authority for resumption/suspension, within 03 days.

Dated Panchkula, the
20th November, 2024


P. Raghavendra Rao
Chairman

Endst. No. HSPCB/2024/3360-95

Dated: 25/11/2024

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

1. Chief Environmental Engineer – I & II.
2. All Sr. Environmental Engineers
3. All Branch Incharges in Head Office.
4. All Regional officers in the Field.
5. P.S. to Chairman
6. PA to Member Secretary


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