To

All Deputy Commissioners of NCR Districts

Sub: Directions of EPCA dated 27.10.2018 under GRAP – Reg.

Please find enclosed herewith the communication received from Dr. Bhure Lal, Chairman, Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control Authority) for the National Capital Region (EPCA), addressed to Chief Secretary Government of Haryana, with copy to ACS (Env), Chairman, HSPCB and MS, HSPCB, directing the State to implement the following measures to combat pollution in view of projected adverse weather conditions from 01.11.2018.

1. All construction activities involving excavation, civil construction (excluding internal finishing/work where no construction material is used) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR Districts from November 1-10, 2018.
2. All stone crushers, hot mix plants generating dust pollution to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR Districts from November 1-10, 2018.
3. All industries using coal and bio mass as fuel (excluding thermal and waste to energy plants) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 4-10, 2018. Industries that use natural gas as fuel can continue to operate.
4. Transport department / traffic police to intensify checking of polluting vehicles and control traffic congestion in Delhi and other NCR districts during 1-10, 2018. There should be no tolerance for visibly polluting vehicles. This will require stringent monitoring and on-spot fines for visibly polluting vehicles.
5. Intensify patrolling, including night patrolling in industrial areas and other hotspots in the city so that there is complete control on waste burning as well as industrial emissions.
6. Ensure supply of uninterrupted power in NCR towns to avoid requirement of operating DG sets and inconvenience to public.

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7. Publish in newspapers and disseminate widely the following information for the general public.
   
   (i) The need for public to minimize exposure and also advise people to minimize their travel using private vehicles as much as possible.

   (ii) Enumerate and list all actions that have to be taken under GRAP so that people are informed and can act as stakeholders in the efforts to control pollution.

   (iii) Publish list of penalties that have been imposed and actions taken against people/industries found polluting. This information will provide a deterrence and help improve enforcement.

   In view of above you are hereby advised to implement the directions of EPCA and to ensure strict compliance during the period specified herein.

   Compliance report of the same may please be sent to the Board on daily activities taken up in your jurisdiction during the above period for reporting the same to EPCA and CPCB (hspcbc4@gmail.com).

   

(S. Narayanan)

Member Secretary, HSPCB

Endst. No. HSPCB/MS/2018/2969-2997  Dated: 29/10/2018

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to;

1. Additional Chief Secretary, Transport Dept., Govt. of Haryana.
2. Additional Chief Secretary, Home Dept., Govt. of Haryana.
3. Additional Chief Secretary, Power Dept., Govt. of Haryana.
4. Additional Chief Secretary, Industries, Govt. of Haryana.
5. Principal Secretary, Mining, Govt. of Haryana.
6. Principal Secretary, Urban Local Bodies, Govt. of Haryana.
7. Principal Secretary, Town & Country Planning, Govt. of Haryana.
8. Director General of Police, Govt. of Haryana.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, Gurugram.

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10. Director, UHBVN.
11. Director, DHBVN.
12. Municipal Commissioners/Heads of all NCR Districts.
13. Police Heads of all NCR Districts.
14. Divisional Commissioners of NCR Districts.
15. Commissioner of Transport, Govt. of Haryana.
16. Director, Urban Local Bodies Dept., Govt. of Haryana.
17. Chief Administrator, HSVP.
18. Regional Officers of HSPCB.

Endst. No. HSPCB/MS/2018/2018-3006 Dated: 09/10/2018
Copy of the same communication is sent for information;
1. Dr. Bhure Lal, Chairman, EPCA.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India.
3. Chairman, CPCB.
4. Member Secretary, CPCB.
5. PS to Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana.
6. PS to ACS (Env), Govt. of Haryana.
7. PS to Chairman, HSPCB.
8. PS to ACS, Health Dept., Govt. of Haryana.
9. Director General Health Services, Haryana, Panchkula.

(S. Narayanan)  
Member Secretary, HSPCB
Dear Sir,

This is further to letter of October 12, 2018 on the implementation of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

EPCA has been advised by Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan, which is chaired by the member secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board that the coming period, beginning November 1, 2018 is projected to have adverse weather conditions, which will exacerbate the potential for pollution. The region is already in the Very Poor category in terms of air quality and, therefore, all efforts have to be made to ensure that the levels do not rise further, even with adverse weather conditions.

Based on this forecast and prediction, the Task Force has advised EPCA that there is need to bring in additional following measures to combat pollution so as to ensure that levels of pollution can be contained.

Accordingly, EPCA is directing the following measures:

1. All construction activities involving excavation, civil construction (excluding internal finishing/work where no construction material is used) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 1-10, 2018.

2. All stone crushers, hot mix plants generating dust pollution to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 1-10, 2018.

3. All industries using coal and biomass as fuel (excluding thermal and Waste to Energy Plants) to remain closed in Delhi and other NCR districts from November 4-10, 2018. Industries that use natural gas as fuel can continue to operate.

4. Direct transport department/traffic police to intensify checking of polluting vehicles and control traffic congestion in Delhi and other NCR districts during November 1-10, 2018. There should be no tolerance for visibly pollution vehicles. This will require stringent monitoring and on-spot fines for visibly polluting vehicles.

5. Intensify patrolling, including night patrolling in industrial areas and other ‘hot spots’ in the city so that there is complete control on waste burning as well as industrial emissions. EPCA has already brought to your attention that it has found many cases of waste burning and industrial emissions, which is a gross violation of GRAP conditions.

6. Intensity efforts for uninterrupted power supply in NCR towns to avoid requirement of operating DG sets and inconvenience to public.

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   iii) Publish list of penalties that have been imposed and actions taken against people/industries found polluting. This information will provide a deterrence and help improve enforcement.

Let me once again emphasize the need for strict enforcement of actions. This requires ground-level monitoring on a continuous basis by respective and designated officials and strict action to ensure compliance.

You are requested to immediately take steps to ensure compliance of these directions.

Yours faithfully,

(Bhure Lal)
Chairman, EPCA

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