



F. No. DPCC/(10)(03)(31)/leg.-19/

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OFFICE ORDER

It has come to the notice of this Authority that in several instances, the non-appearance of officials and counsels representing the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) before Courts/Tribunals has raised serious concerns regarding the effective safeguarding of the DPCC's interests.

Such lapses not only undermine the legal standing of the DPCC but also risk adverse judicial outcomes, potentially compromising environmental governance and regulatory enforcement. Given the critical nature of the matters under adjudication, it is imperative that all concerned parties ensure strict adherence to their obligations, including timely appearances and diligent representation. In light of the above, the following directions are issued to ensure accountability and prevent recurrence of such defaults -

- 1. Mandatory Appearance by Cell In-Charges:**
In addition to In Charge Legal Cell, all Cell In-Charges of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) **shall mandatorily appear** before the concerned Courts/Tribunals on every scheduled hearing date for important matters falling under their respective jurisdictions
- 2. Nomination of Alternate Representative in Exceptional Cases:**
If a Cell In-Charge is unable to attend a hearing due to **genuine and unavoidable reasons**, they **must ensure** that a **duly authorized junior official** from the same Cell is nominated to represent the DPCC during such important proceedings.
- 3. Regular Empanelment Reviews:** The Legal Cell shall periodically review lawyers' performance every 6 months and update the panel of DPCC counsels based on performance.
- 4. Immediate Effect & Strict Compliance:**
This order shall come into force **with immediate effect** and all concerned officials **must adhere strictly** to these directions.
- 5. Consequences of Non-Compliance:**
Any failure to comply with this order **shall be viewed seriously** and may result in **disciplinary action** under the applicable provisions of the CCS (Conduct) Rules, as well as other administrative measures deemed appropriate.

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Member Secretary

To:
All Cell In-charges

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