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Chairman
Delhi Pollution Control Committee,
Government of N.C.T. Delhi,
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Sub: Direction under Section 5 of The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 regarding enforcement of ban on stubble burning for upcoming winter season - reg.

WHEREAS, Section 16 (2) (b) of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 mandates the Central Pollution Control Board to execute nation- wide program for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and organize a comprehensive program and perform such other functions as may be prescribed;

WHEREAS, rising air pollution in Delhi & NCR towns is a matter of serious concerns, especially with regard to high levels of particulate matter exceeding National Ambient Air Quality Standards, 2009;

WHEREAS, air quality trend indicates that stubble burning leads to episodic events of high air pollution levels in Delhi NCR during winter season;

WHEREAS, in pursuance to Hon'ble NGT order dated November 04, 2015 in the matter of O.A No. 21/2014 (Vardhman Kaushik Vs. UoI), burning of the stubble is banned in Delhi-NCR and Punjab, and, fine shall be also imposed offenders;

WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated December 01, 2015 in O.A 118/2013 (Vikrant Kumar Tongad Vs. UoI) has issued various directions including implementation of the National Policy for Management of Crop Residue, 2014, supply of machines and equipment's for crop residue management, fines on offenders, farmer awareness, develop real time monitoring mechanism for monitoring burning of agricultural residues, ban on crop residue burning in Delhi, U.P., Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan etc. for compliance by regulatory authorities;

WHEREAS, Hon'ble NGT vide order dated July 23, 2018 in O.A 118/2013 (Smt. Ganga Lalwani Vs. UoI) emphasized on enforcement of the directions already issued;

WHEREAS, a meeting was convened by CPCB on August 16, 2019, to discuss status of preparedness for minimizing the incidences of stubble burning through stringent enforcement and achieving targets of straw management implements distributions;

WHEREAS, CPCB also advised States to focus on districts with high incidences of stubble burning;

WHEREAS, many incidences of stubble burning have been recently reported in the State of Punjab;

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NOW THEREFORE, in view of the above and in exercise of powers delegated to The Chairman, CPCB under Section 5 of The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 you are hereby directed to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent stubble burning.

The receipt of this direction shall be acknowledged immediately and weekly district wise action taken report on preventive and enforcement measures to check stubble burning shall be submitted to CPCB.

(S.P.S Parihar)
Chairman

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