



DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
4th & 5th FLOOR, ISBT BUILDING, KASHMERE GATE,
DELHI 110006

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Sub:- Directions u/s 31(A) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act., 1981, to use of dust suppressants to control fugitive emissions from construction activities and road –re suspension of dust in NCT of Delhi.

Whereas, Central Pollution Control Board is the State Board for all the Union Territories to exercise power and performs functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. 1981.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board has delegated all the powers and functions under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. 1981 in respect of NCT of Delhi to Delhi Pollution Control Committee vide notification No. S.O.198(E) dated 15.03.1991.

And whereas, whole of Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as an Air Pollution Control Area vide Notification No. GSR 106(E) dated 20.02.1987 under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the said Air Act., 1981.

And whereas, Delhi faces grave air pollution particularly in winter season and level of pollutants like Particulate Matter Concentration (PM2.5 and PM10) goes much beyond the prescribed standards for Ambient Air Quality and Fugitive Emission from Construction Activities and Road re-suspension Dust has been identified as one of the sources of air pollution in Delhi.

And whereas, as per section 17(1)(a) of Air Act., 1981, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) is to plan a comprehensive program for the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to secure execution thereof.

And whereas, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in various orders has directed Govt. of NCT of Delhi and DPCC to initiate steps to curb the Fugitive Emission/ Air Pollution in NCT of Delhi.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has conducted a study through NEERI regarding use of dust suppressant for control of dust generated from roads and construction sites. Wherein, use of dust suppressant was recommended for immediate control of fugitive dust emissions from construction activities and road dust as compared to sprinkling activity through water/ recycled water.

And whereas CPCB advised that DPCC may consider issuing necessary instructions to Road owning Agencies and Govt. Construction Agencies for use of dust suppressant at unpaved roads, roads with heavy traffic and construction sites respectively. These dust suppressant may be applied on excavated earth surfaces, construction and demolition waste stock piles and on access roads at major construction areas. It can also be applied on C & D waste material before transportation to disposal site. The dust suppressant should not cause any hazard to public health and environment.

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In view of above, Delhi Pollution Control Committee issued the following directions on 11.10.2019:

- All construction agencies will use dust suppressants to control fugitive emission from process and stored construction materials.
- All road owing agencies will use dust suppressant on dusty patches to control road re-suspension dust.

Now therefore, in view of the above & in exercise of the powers conferred under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and keeping in view curbing of high air pollution in Delhi, the Competent Authority in Delhi Pollution Control Committee, issues the following directions.

- The direction issued by DPCC dated 11.10.2019 as mentioned above is reiterated.

In this regard, action taken report will be submitted through email at dpcc.rdpcc@gmail.com & dpccairlab@gmail.com . In case of non-compliance with the above mentioned directions, action as per the provision contained in section 37 of the said Air Act., 1981 shall be initiated against the defaulters.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority, Delhi Pollution Control Committee.


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