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Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

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Dated: 29 JUN 2015

DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 31(A) OF THE AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981, READ WITH RULE 20(A) OF KARNATAKA AIR (PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF POLLUTION) RULES, 1983.

Sub: Prevention and Control of Noise Pollution in Bangalore City and improve Ambient Air quality.- Reg.

- Ref: (1) Provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
(2) Provisions of the Noise pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000.
(3) GO No. FEE 46 ENV/2000, Dated: 13.8.2002.
(4) This office letter No.7908, dated 28.3.2014.
(5) Directions issued by the Board under the Air Act, 1981 Dated: 25/8/2013
(6) In trim Orders of the Hon'ble High Court on 29/4/2015

PREAMBLE:

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, is entrusted to enforce different environmental laws within the territorial jurisdiction of the State, for the prevention and control of pollution including water, air and noise.

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board is regularly monitoring the ambient noise levels in Bangalore City and its surroundings. It is observed that noise pollution is higher than the permissible limit. This cause annoyance to the human beings and also other living creatures, besides causing other health related problems.

The Hon'ble High Court, of Karnataka, time to time issued number of directions for controlling noise pollution from various sources inter-alia-loudspeakers, public address system, vehicular horns including air horns and also from other sources while hearing the Suo Motto Writ petition No. 39432/2013.

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Whereas, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued directions under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide reference (4) and (5) above directing the Commissioner, Department of Transport and Commissioner, BBMP to take actions to formulate action plans to improve air quality and to control noise in Bangalore City.

Whereas, Under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 honking of horns, use of loudspeakers are strictly prohibited within 100 meters of the designated "Silence Zone" i.e., hospitals, nursing homes, educational institutions & Courts.

The Officers of the Pollution Control Board monitored the noise levels around the Hon'ble Court and hospitals in Bangalore City and observed that, the noise levels are exceeding the standards stipulated for the Silent Zones in the Noise Pollution (Control and Regulations) Rules, 2000. And whereas there is a need to declare area mentioned below as Silence Zone' where Hospitals and Courts are situated;

List of Hospital and Court to be declared as Silent Zones:

Courts:

- a) Mayao Hall Court, MG Road, Bangalore.
- b) Hon'ble High Court, Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore.
- c) Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore.
- d) City Civil Court Complex, Behind Cauvery Complex, Bangalore.

Hospitals:

- a) Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital, Shivajinagar, Bangalore.
- b) Mallya Hospital, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore.
- c) Banashankari Medical & Oncology Research Centre Ltd., P. Kaligarao Road, Bangalore.
- d) St. Philomena's Hospital, Mother Theresa Road, Bangalore.
- e) Victoria Hospital, KR Market, Bangalore.
- f) Vani Vilas Hospital, KR Market, Bangalore.
- g) Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, Bangalore.
- h) Institute of Nephro-Urology, KR Market, Bangalore.
- i) ESI Hospital, Rajajinagar, Bangalore.
- j) ESI Hospital Indiranagar, Bangalore.
- k) St. Martha's Hospital, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore.
- l) Chinmaya Mission Hospital, CMH Road, Bangalore.
- m) Commando Hospital, Air Force Agaram Post, Bangalore.
- n) Vikram Hospital, Millers Road, Bangalore.
- o) Manipal Hospital, Old Air Port Road, Bangalore.
- p) Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health Hospital, Hombegowda, Bangalore.
- q) KC General Hospital, Malleswaram, Bangalore.
- r) National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Hosur Road, Bangalore.
- s) Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Hosur Road, Bangalore.

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ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 31 (a) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 Read with 20(A) of the Karnataka Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Rules, 1983, KSPCB hereby direct the Commissioner, BBMP to comply with the following within 30 days to reduce the noise levels ;

- 1) Declare 100 m around the Hospitals and Nursing Homes and Courts as Silence Zones **wherein honking of horns, use loudspeakers and use of fire crackers are strictly prohibited. Notify the identified Silence zones in leading News Papers.**
- 2) **Install signage in all the directions around identified Silence Zone.**

Failing to comply with the above directions will attract penal action as per Section 37 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

The decision as above is approved by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's sub-committee.

For and on behalf of the
Karnataka State Pollution Control Board

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY

To

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