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F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM

Dated: 11.12.2021

ORDER

Subject: Review of Direction No. 47 dated 07.12.2021.

The Commission had issued comprehensive policy Directions for shifting of industries operating in NCR Districts to PNG / cleaner fuels, vide Direction No. 29 – 31 dated 12.08.2021, wherein it was *inter-alia* directed:

“To prepare an implementable Action Plan by clearly specifying definite time lines for switching over of all identified industries units to PNG, where infrastructure and supply of gas is already available.”

Further, in terms of para 1 (iii) of Direction No. 44, dated 16.11.2021, it was *inter alia* directed that industries in such industrial areas / clusters where PNG infrastructure and supply is available, shall immediately be shifted to PNG/ cleaners fuels and industry wise date of shifting shall be provided to the Commission. This was also directed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in a connected matter.

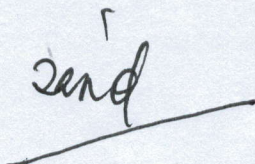
Despite above, the plan of action and timeline for such switch over had not been provided by the agencies concerned in the State Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. In wake of the air quality generally remaining in the “Very Poor” category and as a matter of extreme emergency and abundant caution as well as to prevent further deterioration of air quality, the Commission vide Direction No. 47 dated 07.12.2021, had further directed the following for strict implementation with immediate effect, until 12.12.2021, subject to further review:

“All such industries located in industrial areas / clusters where PNG infrastructure and supply is available and have still not switched over to PNG/ cleaner fuels shall be closed immediately and not permitted to schedule their operations till 12.12.2021, subject to further review”.

After monitoring the air quality scenario, the current air quality trends and also taking into account the prevailing meteorological conditions, it has been decided that the above noted restrictions shall cease to operate w.e.f. 13.12.2021.

Such set of industrial units shall, however, till further orders, be now guided by (ii) of the Direction No. 46, dated 02.12.2021, reproduced below:

“All industrial operations and processes in NCR, not running on PNG or

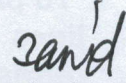


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cleaner fuels, shall be allowed to operate only up to eight hours a day from Monday to Friday and shall not be allowed to operate on Saturday and Sunday.”

The NCR State Pollution Control Boards / DPCC shall however, before permitting resuming of operations, shall obtain an undertaking/affidavit from such individual units to strictly comply with the above noted stipulations of operating only for eight hours a day, from Monday to Friday and not operating on Saturday and Sunday.

The State Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan shall also ensure that they provide the industry wise date and plan of shifting of such industries to PNG / cleaner fuels to the Commission without any further delay.



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