

Subject: Proceedings of the meeting held on 15/9/2015 by the Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Fatehgarh Sahib with the representative of marriage palaces to keep the ambient noise levels within the prescribed standards.

On behalf of the Board

1. Sh. Gursharan Dass Garg, AEE
2. Sh. Ravdeep Singh, AEE
3. Smt. Pritpal Kaur, JEE

On behalf of the Marriage Palaces

1. Sh. Kuldeep Ratti, Manager, Maharaja Palace
2. Sh. Munish Kumar, Representative of Sangam Palace
3. Sh. Gurjit Singh, Partner, Star Resorts
4. Sh. Harinder Singh, Partner, Evergreen
5. Sh. Laddi Bhardwaj, Sohan Farm

At the outset, the representative of the marriage palaces were made aware about the following provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000.

- 1) Authority to implement & regulate the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000 is any authority or officer authorized by the Central Government, or as the case may be, the State Government in accordance with the laws in force and includes a District Magistrate, Police Commissioner, or any other officer not below the rank of the Deputy Superintendent of Police designated for maintenance of the ambient air quality standards in respect of noise under any law for the time being in force.
- 2) "Public place" means any place to which the public have access, whether as of right or not, and includes auditorium, hotels, public waiting rooms, convention centres, public officers, shopping malls, cinema halls, educational institutions, libraries, open grounds and the like which are visited by general public.
- 3) The ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different zones such as commercial, residential or silence specified in the rules, which are given as under:

Area Code	Category of Area/Zone	Limits in dB (A) Leg	
		Day Time (6.00 am to 10.00 pm)	Night Time (6.00 am to 10.00 pm)
(A)	Industrial Area	75	70

(B)	Commercial Area	65	55
(C)	Residential Area	55	45
(D)	Silence Zone	50	40

- 4) The noise levels in any area/ zone shall not exceed the above mentioned ambient noise standards and the owner of the marriage place is bound to comply with the said standards.
- 5) A loudspeaker or a public address system or any sound producing instrument or a musical instrument or a sound amplifier shall not be used at night time except in closed premises for communication within, like auditoria, conference rooms, community halls banquet halls or during a public emergency.
- 6) The authority prescribed under rules shall act on the complaint received from any one and take action against the violator in accordance with the provisions of these rules and any other law in force.
- 7) If the authority is satisfied from the report of an officer in charge of a police station or other information received by him that it is necessary to do so in order to prevent annoyance, disturbance, discomfort or injury or risk of annoyance, disturbance discomfort or injury to the public or to any person who dwell or occupy property on the vicinity, he may, be a written order issue such directions as he may consider necessary to any person for preventing, prohibiting, controlling or regulating the incidences or continuance in or upon any premises of;
 - a) Not to operate the DJ/ Music system after 10.00 pm in any case.
 - b) To submit the monthly schedule of the succeeding month to the Regional Office, SAS Nagar, in the last week of the previous month.
 - c) To apply for obtaining consent to operate to the Board under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 immediately.

The representative of the marriage palaces informed that they are already complying with the provisions of the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000 and do not allow the operator of the DJ/ music system to operate their DJ/ music system beyond 10.00 pm and to follow the permission granted by the competent authority. They also showed their commitment to comply with the ambient noise standards to obtain

consent to operate to the Board under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

After hearing the owner of marriage palaces, it was decided that:

- 1) No DJ/ music system operator will be allowed to operate the DJ/ music system by the owner of the marriage palace beyond 10.00 pm in any case and shall seek permission of the competent authority for operation of DJ/ music system till 10.00 pm.
- 2) The owner of the marriage palace shall ensure the compliance of ambient noise standards prescribed in the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000 and the provisions of these Rules and in case of violation, action as deemed fit under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 shall be taken by the prescribed authority under the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules, 2000.
- 3) The owner of the marriage palaces, who have not obtained consent from the Board shall apply for consents under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and shall ensure that the wastewater shall be treated to the extent to ensure compliance of the effluent standards laid down by the Board. The treated wastewater shall be utilized for irrigation of green area developed within the premises of marriage palace or separate dedicated area developed for the said purpose.
- 4) The solid waste i.e. left out cooked vegetable and left out of uncooked vegetables may be given to the piggery farm if available nearby. If not, then ensure the scientific disposal of the same. The recyclable waste should be given to the recycler and other solid waste, if any, shall be handled as per the provisions of the Municipal Solid Waste Rules, 2000.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.
