

PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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To

- 1. Mr. Manvinder Singh, President, Marriage Palace Association Patiala, C/o Silver Oak Farms, Sirhind Road, Patiala.
- 2. Mr. Rajesh Baggan, President, DJ Operator Association R.B Entertainers, Ranjit Press Market, Factory Area, Patiala.

Sub:-

Proceedings of the meeting regarding control of noise pollution taken by the Chairman of the Board on 24.3.2015 at 11:30 AM in Committee Room at Patiala with the representatives of Marriage Palace Association and DJ operators Association of Patiala.

Please find enclosed a copy of minutes of the meeting regarding control of noise pollution taken by the Chairman of the Board on 24.3.2015 at 11:30 AM in Committee Room at Patiala with the representatives of Marriage Palace Association and DJ operators Association of Patiala for information and compliance of the decisions of the meeting in letter and spirit.

Dated

Endst. no..... 1384

A copy of the above forwarded to the Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab

Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-I, Patiala for information please.

Environmental Engineer Dated .6/5/15

Endst. no....1385-88

A copy of the above along with the minutes of the said meeting forwarded to Asstt. Environmental Engineer - I/II/III/JEE, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patic with a request to ensure the compliance of the decisions of the meeting in the area under your jurisdiction the Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office-I, Patiala for information please.

DA/as above

Environmental Engineer

Subject:

Meeting regarding control of noise pollution taken by the Chairman of the Board on 24.03.2015 at 11.30 A.M. in Committee Room at Patiala with the representatives of Marriage Palace Association and DJ operators Association of Patiala.



The following were present:

From Board's side:

- 1. Dr. Babu Ram , Member Secretary , Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala
- 2. Er.Krunesh Garg, Chief Environmental Engineer, Patiala
- 3. Er. Pardeep Gupta, Sr. Environmental Engineer, Zonal Office-1, Patiala
- 4. Er. Om Parkash, Environmental Engineer, Zonal office-1, Patiala
- 5. Er. Rakesh Nayyar, Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Patiala
- 6. Er. Gurkaran Singh, Asstt. Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Patiala

From Association's side:

- 1. Sh. Manvinder Singh, President of Marriage Palace Association
- 2. Sh. Rajesh Baggan, DJ Operator Association
 - & 16 other representatives (as per list enclosed)

At the outset, Member Secretary of the Board welcomed the representatives of Marriage Palace Association and DJ operator's Association of Patiala in the meeting. They were apprised about the orders dated 11/9/2013 passed by Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, New Delhi in application no. 39 of 2013 titled as Gurbachan Singh V/s State of Punjab & others, wherein, it was directed to the State of Punjab to issue guidelines for parameters relating to noise / sound pollution for regulating the same while ensuring that no public nuisance results therefrom. Accordingly, Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. Of Punjab vide its notification no. 3/100/2013-STE(4)/145 dated 26/2/2014 has issued comprehensive guidelines for the regulation of noise / sound pollution caused by the use of loud speakers, public address systems etc. These guidelines have clearly spelt the standards laid down for ambient air according to the category of zone. Further, the use of loudspeaker during night time is not allowed i.e. after 10.00 p.m and before 6.00 a.m. However, it has been observed that the compliance of these guidelines is not being ensured by the marriage palaces as well as the DJ operators operating the sound systems during functions.

The representatives of the Marriage Palaces & DJ Operators Association informed that they are aware about the said guidelines and assured to comply with the same. They also discussed their practical problems due to which they face difficulties while ensuring the compliance to these guidelines.

It was brought out that the marriage palace owners as well as the DJ operators cannot escape their responsibility to comply with the law on one pretext or the other failing which they will be penalized as per the prevailing laws. However, they

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can also make the people responsible for violations, accountable by getting an agreement signed with the parties booking the functions. This agreement may be got legally approved from legal experts. Further, if the marriage party does not stop the operation of DJ by 10.00 p.m. and insist on playing the same beyond the stipulated time, the marriage palace owner/ its manager will inform and seek police help by dialling helpline no. 181 in this regard.

After detailed discussions, the Chairman of the Board made it clear to the representative of Marriage Places Association & DJ Operator Association that in no case, violation of the guidelines / law framed by the Government shall be allowed and in case, any violations are observed by the Board officers in future, strict action shall be taken against the persons responsible which may include filing FIR with the police authorities.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.