

Punjab Pollution Control Board
Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala

No. 621

Date 6/9/2017


ORDER

The Punjab Pollution Control Board had issued a notice under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 on 26th July, 2017, to all the stakeholders / general public in the form of public notice published in the leading newspapers inviting objections / suggestions within one month for putting a complete ban on the manufacture, sale, purchase, fitting and use of multitone horns / pressure horns and cracker-sound emitting silencers / devices fitted with motorcycles/ motor vehicles in the State of Punjab.

Now, after taking into consideration the matter and the fact that the multitone horns / sirens, sound producing devices fitted with the motor vehicles cause inconvenience to the general public and these multitone horns / sirens, mechanical devices have deleterious effect on human health and the psychological well-being of the people, I, Kahan Singh Pannu, IAS, Chairman, Punjab Pollution Control Board in exercise of the powers conferred under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 hereby issue the following directions:-

"No person / agency shall manufacture sell, purchase, fit or use multitone horns / pressure horns and cracker-sound emitting silencers / devices with motorcycles / motor vehicles in the State of Punjab."

The above directions will come into force with effect from 1st October, 2017 and the failure to comply with the above direction shall be punishable under section 37 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 which entails imprisonment, after conviction, for a period upto 6 years and fine upto Rs.5,000/- every day.

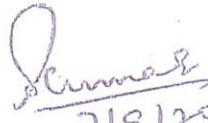

(Kahan Singh Pannu, IAS)
Chairman

Endst. No. 36217-36589

Dt. 7/9/17

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action please:-

1. The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh.
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Transport, Chandigarh.
3. The Director General of Police, Govt. of Punjab, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
4. The State Transport Commissioner, Department of Transport, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
5. The Director State Transport, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
6. The Secretaries, All Regional Transport Authority, Punjab
7. The Managing Director, PRTC, Punjab.
8. The Director Information & Public Relation, Punjab
9. All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab
10. The Director, Deptt. Of Local Govt. Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
11. All the Commissioners, Municipal Corporations in the State of Punjab
12. The Director, Department of Rural and Development of Panchayats, Govt. of Punjab, Chandigarh.
13. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Punjab, Patiala.
14. All the District Excise and Taxation Commissioners, Punjab
15. All the Sub Divisional Magistrates, Punjab
16. All the District Transport Officers of Punjab
17. All the District Development & Panchyat Officers, Punjab
18. All the Executive Officers of Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchayats.
19. The Chief Engineers/Senior Environmental Engineers/all Regional Offices of Punjab Pollution Control Board with a request that vide publicity of these directions be made and the manufacturers, dealers, traders, mechanics, shopkeepers, users for compliance.
20. DPRO, Punjab Pollution Control Board for getting these directions published in the print media.


7/9/2017
Sr. Environmental Engineer (HQ-2)

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Punjab Pollution Control Board

Vatavaran Bhawan, Nabha Road, Patiala

No. CEE(HQ)/2017/ 1032

Dated : 01-11-17

OFFICE ORDER

The Government of Punjab vide notification no. 3/11/2013-STE(4)/145 dated 26.02.2014 has notified the comprehensive guidelines for the regulation of noise / sound pollution and the maintenance of ambient air quality standards.

Multitone horns/pressure horns and cracker-sound emitting silencers / devices fitted with motorcycles / motor vehicles cause impulsive increase in the ambient air noise levels beyond the permissible standards, which causes inconvenience to the general public leading to deleterious effect on health of living beings and the psychological well-being of the people, besides becoming a cause of major accidents.

The Board in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide order no. 621 dated 6/9/2017 has issued the following directions:

"No person / agency shall manufacture sell, purchase, fit or use multitone horns / pressure horns and cracker-sound emitting silencers / devices with motorcycles / motor vehicles in the State of Punjab."

These directions have come into force with effect from 1st October, 2017.

For effective implementation of the above directions i.e. ban on the use of multitone horns / pressure horns and cracker-sound emitting silencers / devices with motorcycles / motor vehicles in the State of Punjab, Board in its 177th meeting held on 16/10/2017 has delegated powers to its Environmental Engineers (Incharge Regional Offices) and higher officers for affording opportunity of personal hearing and / or taking other appropriate action against the person / agency found violating the above directions. Copy of decision of the Board is enclosed.


Chairman

Endst. No. 42/96-222

Dated 01-11-17

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

- 1 The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Ludhiana / Bathinda / Patiala / Jalandhar.
- 2 The Senior Environmental Engineer, Pb. Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-I, II / Ludhiana-I, II / Jalandhar / Amritsar & Bathinda.
- 3 The Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-1/2), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 4 The Special Secretary (P&G), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Mohali.
- 5 The Senior Scientific Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 6 The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Patiala / Ludhiana-1/2/3/4/ Jalandhar / Sri Amritsar / Hoshiarpur / Sri Fatehgarh Sahib / Batala / Sangrur / Bathinda / Faridkot and SAS Nagar.
Draft of show cause notice under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to be issued to the violator of above directions is also enclosed herewith for ready reference.
- 7 The Environmental Engineer (CSA/SEIAA/RTI), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 8 The Scientific Office (Air Lab.), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 9 The Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
- 10 PS to Chairman / PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
11. The Environmental Engineer (Computers), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for uploading this order on website of the Board.


Member Secretary