



Punjab Pollution Control Board

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Directions under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

The Government of Punjab in consultation with Punjab State Pollution Control Board has declared whole of the State of Punjab as Air Pollution Control area under section 19 (1) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 vide Notification no. S.O. 21 /C.A. 14/81/S. 19/88 dated 2/3/1988, for the purposes of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

And whereas, it is one of the functions of the State Pollution Control Board to inspect Air Pollution Control Area at such intervals as it may think necessary, assess the quality of air therein and take steps for the prevention, control or abatement of air pollution in such areas.

And whereas, the Board has installed Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) at Amritsar, Ludhiana, Mandi Gobindgarh, Patiala, Jalandhar and Khanna which record the ambient air quality and the same is known as Air Quality Index (AQI).

And whereas, on the basis of scientific analysis of air quality, the average air quality index has been divided into five categories i.e. Good (0-50), Satisfactory (51-100), Moderate (101-200), Poor (201-300), Very Poor (301-400) Severe (401-500). The average air quality index during the year 2018 (January, 2018 to June, 2018) in the above named cities of the State of Punjab has been observed as moderate.

And whereas, the Board has examined the ambient air quality results of the State of Punjab and it is observed that the diesel driven auto rickshaws generate lot of emissions and contribute in deteriorating the ambient air quality of the Towns and Cities of the State of Punjab.

And whereas; the Board in the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions is empowered to issue directions in writing under section 31-A of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to any person officer or authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions.

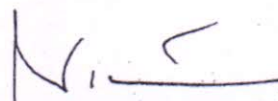
And whereas, the Board is satisfied that the banning of the registration of diesel / petrol driven auto rickshaws in the major cities in State of Punjab where CNG stations are available, will go a long way in improving the ambient air quality of the State.

And whereas, the Punjab Pollution Control Board by publication of the proposed directions in newspapers had invited objections and suggestions directions with regard to the banning of registration of diesel / petrol driven Auto Rickshaws in the major cities in State of Punjab from the general Public as well as State Transport Department, Punjab.

And whereas, only M/s Piaggio Vehicles Pvt. Ltd., Pune has filed objections against the proposed directions with regard to the banning of registration of diesel / petrol driven Auto Rickshaws in the major cities in State of Punjab and the objections were considered and rejected.

Therefore, taking into consideration the ambient air quality results and the contribution of diesel / petrol driven auto rickshaws in deteriorating the ambient air quality of the State and to prevent, control and abate the air pollution, 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 following directions:

- i) No auto rickshaw, which is driven by diesel / petrol, shall be registered in the Districts of Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Mohali, Fatehgarh Sahib w.e.f 01.02.2019.
- ii) The registration Authority shall not register any new diesel / petrol driven auto rickshaw(s) in the districts of Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Amritsar, Mohali and Fatehgarh Sahib with effect from 01.02.2019.

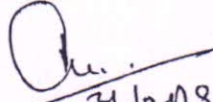

(Prof. S.S. Marwaha)
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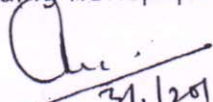
1. The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Transport, Chandigarh.
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Science, Technology & Environment, Chandigarh.
3. The Director, Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Chandigarh.


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A copy of the above is forwarded to the Deputy Director (PR), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala for information and requested to immediately get these directions published in the leading newspapers..


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