

To

The Transport Commissioner,
Government of Maharashtra,
Administrative Building,
Dr. Ambedkar Udyan,
Bandra (East),
Mumbai – 400 051.

The Municipal Commissioner,
Pune Municipal Corporation,
Pune.

The Municipal Commissioner,
Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation,
Pimpri-Chinchwad.

The Oil Industry Coordinator,
M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
F-Block, Maker Towers,
12th Floor, Cuffe Parade,
Mumbai–400 005.

Sub: Conversion of auto rickshaws to LPG which are more than 15 years old and plying in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation area

Ref: Review Meeting held by EPCA at Pune on January 8, 2005 in the Supreme Court of India in the matter of W.P.(Civil) 13029 of 1985.

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has appointed Environment Pollution Control Authority for the compliance of the directive of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in respect of the control of air pollution in the cities which include Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority visited Pune on January 08, 2005 and reviewed the action plan prepared for Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas;

AND WHEREAS, a detail presentation was made before the Environment Pollution Control Authority on 8.1.2005 giving the salient features of the action plant prepared for Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation areas.

AND WHEREAS, the one of the issue that came up for discussion during the Review Meeting at Pune Municipal Corporation and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation was regarding air pollution caused by auto rickshaws and urgent need for conversion of auto rickshaws to LPG, which are more than 15 years old and providing incentive for the same.

- AND WHEREAS, it was informed that
- (i) the conversion kits, duly certified, are adequately available in the market;
 - (ii) oil companies are in a position to supply LPG as required;

- (iii) there is pay back within few months for the owners of the auto rickshaws due to the price difference between LPG and petrol and
- (iv) fare/tariff of auto rickshaws running on LPG and petrol shall be the same as of now and
- (v) PMC and PCMC are willing to consider financial incentives for conversion autos to LPG.

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority directed that an action plan in this regard should be submitted to the EPCA by the Transport Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation and oil companies for implementation w.e.f. April 1, 2005.

AND WHEREAS, Environment Pollution Control Authority directed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board issue directions to the concerned authorities to comply with the decision.

NOW, THEREFORE, in compliance of the directives of Environment Pollution Control Authority, you are directed as under:-

- (i) The Transport Commissioner shall ban plying of auto rickshaws in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation area, which are more than 15 years old, unless they switch over to LPG.
- (ii) PMC and PCMC shall consider providing financial incentives to the owners of auto rickshaws who will change over to the use of LPG as fuel as was done in Delhi.
- (iii) The oil companies shall ensure supply of LPG as required.
- (iv) Director, ARAI shall provide technical guidance to the authorities, as may be necessary in terms of certification of LPG conversion kits, safety aspects etc.

Action taken report may be sent to EPCA under intimation to MPCB.

(D.B. Boralkar)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to:

- 1) Chairman, EPCA, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110 032.
- 2) Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhavan, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110 032.
- 3) Principal Secretary(Environment), Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032.

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2) Directions issued by this office vide letter No.MPCB/MS/ EPCA/05/34, dated January 15, 2005.

The directions issued by this office vide letter referred at (2) above, the contents in para 5, the date for the conversion of more than 15 years old auto rickshaws to LPG, has been inadvertently mentioned as April 1, 2005. This may please be read as **June 30, 2005** instead. All other directions remain unchanged.

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