

To

The Municipal Commissioner,  
Pune Municipal Corporation,  
Pune.

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

**Sub:** Control of air pollution caused due to (i) unpaved footpaths/roads; (ii) brick kilns in city area and (iii) biomass burning

**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, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has constituted Authority to review the Action Plan prepared for various cities in India, which include Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) is entrusted with the implementation of Action Plans for the control of air pollution and to ensure the compliance of the directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA visited Pune on January 8, 2005 and held a review meeting at Pune Municipal Corporation for the review of the action plans prepared for control of air pollution in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal areas;

AND WHEREAS, during the discussion and issue regarding unpaved footpaths, presence of brick kilns within the city limits and the open unabated biomass burning in the city came up for discussion;

AND WHEREAS, the authority took a serious note of the pollution being caused by these sources and directed that the pollution from these sources should be controlled forthwith;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA directed that a status report on these sources of pollution should be prepared by the Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporations;

AND WHEREAS, the Authority also directed that an action plan should be prepared to stop the burning of the bio-mass, relocation of brick kilns outside the city limits and paving of the footpaths in order to control pollution from these sources;

AND WHEREAS, the authority directed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board should issue directions to Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporations on the above;

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

- (i) Complete pavement of footpaths/roads (i.e. compound wall to compound wall) shall be done.
- (ii) Brick kilns shall be relocated outside city limits.
- (iii) Issue directions to all concerned to stop biomass burning and take effective steps for implementation.
- (iv) Time targeted action plan for implementation of the above directions be submitted to the EPCA within one month.

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

(D.B. Boralkar)  
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to:

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

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- 1] APAE/Dr. Katoley, Tech. Advisor/Sr.LO(D)/RO(HQ), MPCB, Mumbai.
- 2] RO, MPCB, Pune.
- 3] PS to Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai.

No.MPCB/MS/EPCA/05/44  
January 18, 2005

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2) Directions issued by this office vide letter No.MPCB/MS/ EPCA/05/36, dated January 15, 2005.

The directions issued by this office vide letter referred at (2) above, the contents in para 9(iii), to stop biomass burning may be read as follows:-

“The biomass should be composted instead of burning”

All other directions remain unchanged.

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