

To

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

Sub: Implementation of new PUC norms in Pune as applicable from October 2004

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 (EPCA) to ensure the compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in respect of control of air pollution in the cities which includes Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Environment Pollution & Control Authority (EPCA) has visited the Pune on January 8, 2005 to review the Action Plan prepared for Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal area, which has been submitted to the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

AND WHEREAS, the presentation was made before EPCA on January 8, 2005 giving the salient features of the provisions in the Action Plan for the Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal area;

AND WHEREAS, one of the issue that come up for discussions during the meeting at Pune Municipal Corporation was regarding the implementation of new PUC norms applicable from October 2004 that have been notified by Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India;

AND WHEREAS, it was necessary to implement the new PUC norms in the cities which are covered under the Hon'ble Supreme Court order which includes Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal areas;

AND WHEREAS, it was found that the new PUC norms have not been implemented by Transport Commissioner, Govt. of Maharashtra;

AND WHEREAS, it was directed by EPCA that there has to be a target date for implementation of the new PUC norms in the Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal areas'

AND WHEREAS, EPCA further directed that an upgraded PUC system should be in place by end of June 2005, except the net working of the PUC centers as desired by EPCA;

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary and mandatory to put in place new PUC norms as early as possible;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA has directed that these norms should be in place in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad municipal areas by end of June 2005.

NOW THEREFORE, in compliance of the directives of the EPCA, you are directed as under:-

- (i) New PUC norms as applicable from October 2004, shall be implemented in Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation area on or before April 30, 2005.
- (ii) New PUC centres shall ensure AMC with OE for proper operation & maintenance of the equipments.
- (iii) Auditing of the PUC centres shall be done regularly.
- (iv) Pollution checking drives shall be organized with its proper publicity in print and electronic media.
- (v) Passenger vehicles found emitting visible smoke shall be fined heavily (say Rs.1000/-) and fitness certificate be cancelled in case of public transport vehicles emitting visible smoke.
- (vi) Networking of the new PUC centres shall be completed by June 2005.
- (vii) Technical guidance, as may be required, shall be provided by ARAI.

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.

Copy to:

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