

To

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

The Secretary,
Food & Civil Supply,
Government of Maharashtra,
Mantralaya,
Mumbai-400 032.

Sub: Prevention and control of adulteration of auto fuels

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 Supreme Court of India appointed Environment Pollution Control Authority (EPCA) visited Pune on 8th January, 2005 to review the Action Plan prepared for the control of Air Pollution in Pune Municipal Corporation(PMC) and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) areas;

AND WHEREAS, the Action Plan prepared was presented to the EPCA;

AND WHEREAS, it has been noticed by the EPCA during the meeting that there were serious complaints regarding the adulteration of the automobile fuel supplied in PMC and PCMC areas;

AND WHEREAS, it was also noticed that there is no proper machinery to check the fuel adulteration in PMC and PCMC areas and that the existing machinery has not detected any adulteration in the samples of the auto fuel in Pune & Pimpri-Chinchwad;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA directed that the Food and Civil Supplies Department of the State Government should file a separate affidavit in this regard within one month indicating status of the action taken so far and proposals, if any, for strengthening the mechanism for enforcement to check adulteration in auto fuel, oil etc.;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA further directed that the Oil Companies should take effective steps to contain fuel adulteration in PMC and PCMC areas;

AND WHEREAS, the EPCA further directed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) should issue directions to the Oil Companies to take immediate steps in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, in compliance of the directives of EPCA you are required to immediately initiate appropriate actions to control adulteration in the auto fuels in PMC and PCMC areas and submit an affidavit to the EPCA indicating action taken 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, 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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- 1] APAE/Dr. Katoley, Tech. Advisor/Sr.LO(D)/RO(HQ), MPCB, Mumbai.
- 2] RO, MPCB, Pune.
- 3] PS to Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai.