



**DELHI POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)  
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**Subject: Direction U/S 31(A) of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 read along with Rule 20A of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) (Union Territories) rules, 1983 to ban bursting of firecrackers/fireworks at all times except on religious occasions.**

Whereas, Central Pollution Control Board is the State Board for all the Union Territories to exercise powers and performs functions under the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

And whereas, Central Pollution Control Board has delegated all its powers and functions under Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in respect of NCT of Delhi to Delhi Pollution Control Committee vide Notification No. S.O. 198(E) dated 15.03.1991.

And whereas, the whole of the Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as an air pollution control area vide Notification no. G.S..R.. 106(E) dated the 20th February 1987 under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the said Air Act, 1981.

And whereas, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WPC No 72 of 1998 with civil Appeal no 3735 of 2005 had given directions regarding noise pollution and its prevention.

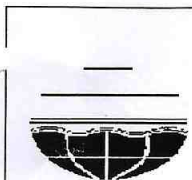
And whereas, Fireworks in India have been declared as restricted item under ITC (HS) in respect of import by Director General of Foreign Trade, Govt. of India. The manufacture, possession, use, sale, etc. of any explosive containing sulphur or sulphurate in admixture with any chlorate is banned in the country vide Notification GSR No.64 (E) dated 27.1.1992.

And whereas, the disposal of illegally imported and subsequently confiscated firecrackers is an environmental problem.

And whereas, only authorized sound emitting crackers (Sound level not exceeding 125dB (AI) or 145 dB(C) pk at 4 meter distance from the point of bursting as well as color and light emitting crackers having sound level not exceeding 90 dB(AI) should be allowed with composition, size, design etc. as per Ministry of Commerce and Industry Notification GSR 225 dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and that too within the time prescribed.

And whereas, directions have been issued U/S 31 (A) of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 as amended as to date that no Importer shall import

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Firecrackers from any country and Customs authority should ensure that such consignment which violates the norm prescribed vide notification G.S.R. 907 ( E) should not enter into Delhi city.

And whereas, Delhi is facing severe ambient air pollution levels since the last few days and level of pollutants like particulate (PM 2.5, PM 10) has gone up manifold. Bursting of firecrackers/ fireworks has been identified as one of the major sources of air pollution and it may aggravate the situation.

And whereas, as per section 17(1) (a) of Air Act 1981, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) is to plan a comprehensive program for the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to secure execution thereof.

And whereas, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in various orders has directed Govt. of NCT Delhi and DPCC to initiate steps/ measures to curb air pollution.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 31(A) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 read with Rule 20A (6) of the Air Rules, 1983 and with the objective of curbing of high air pollution in Delhi, it is directed that bursting of firecrackers/fireworks is banned in Delhi on all occasions/célébrations except during religious occasions. All the Authorities (Govt. or private) / person/ Officer in Delhi are hereby directed to stop bursting of firecrackers/fireworks on all occasions/celebrations except during religious occasions with immediate effect. The SDMs, Delhi Police and officers of Local Bodies shall comply with the directions as above and submit daily action taken report (ATR) to "DPCC" on Email id [msdpcc@nic.in](mailto:msdpcc@nic.in).

In case of non-compliance, action as per the provisions contained in Section 37 of the Air Act,1981 shall be initiated against all defaulters.

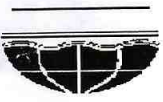
This issues with the approval of Chairman, DPCC.

  
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