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To
All the Commissioners,
Municipal Corporations / Municipalities
Andhra Pradesh.

Sir,

Sub: APPCB – Vijayawada - Ensuring prevention of open burning of solid waste comprising Plastics, Tyres, Rubber and E-waste – Issue of instructions – Reg.

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In light of the deteriorating air quality in the recent past in most of the cities / towns in the state, there is a need to address the primary contributing sources of air pollution arising from solid waste burning, vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and construction dust, you are requested to review the situation in your jurisdiction and take strong steps.

In addition, instances of open burning of unsegregated municipal solid waste, including discarded tyres, plastic materials, painted furniture, electronic waste and other similar refuse, are occurring in various urban areas, leading to serious air pollution and associated adverse health impacts on the public. The burning of such materials generates toxic and harmful emissions, including particulate matter, dioxins, furans and other hazardous pollutants, which pose a significant risk particularly to children, the elderly and persons with respiratory and cardiac ailments.

In view of the above, and in order to ensure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and other relevant environmental regulations, all Municipal Corporations are hereby directed to take the following measures on priority during the ensuing Bhogi festival and in the days preceding it:

1. Issue clear and written instructions to all sanitary and field staff that under no circumstances shall unsegregated municipal solid waste, including tyres, plastics, rubber products, painted or treated wood, electronic waste, sponge/foam, rubber/leather scrap and similar materials, be allowed to be burnt in public places, dump yards, streets or vacant lands.
2. Conduct extensive public awareness campaigns, through public address systems, posters, social media, municipal websites, ward meetings and in coordination with Resident Welfare Associations and community leaders, highlighting the health and environmental hazards of burning such wastes.

3. Coordinate with local schools, colleges, NGOs and health departments to disseminate messages on safe and environmentally responsible behaviour.
4. Ensure that all primary collection, secondary collection and transportation of municipal solid waste are strengthened during the festival period so that accumulations of waste on streets and open spaces are minimized, thereby reducing the likelihood of such waste being used for burning.
5. Deploy special enforcement teams, in coordination with the local police and the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, wherever necessary, to monitor critical locations during the nights and early mornings, and to prevent and stop the burning of prohibited wastes.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has developed a comprehensive **Health Advisory on Air Pollution** under National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) and to guide state and district-level agencies in formulating effective mechanisms to address health challenges resulting from exposure to polluted air (Copy enclosed).

In this regard, the Commissioners are requested to treat this matter as urgent and of high public health importance, and ensure that all necessary preventive and awareness measures are implemented effectively so as to minimize air pollution levels in the cities and towns of Andhra Pradesh.

Receipt of this communication shall be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

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MEMBER SECRETARY

Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, MA & UD department, AP Secretariat, Amaravati for kind information.
2. The Commissioner & Director, Municipal Administration for information.
3. The Collector & District Magistrates in the State of Andhra Pradesh for information.
4. The Chief Environmental Engineer, APPCB for information.
5. All the Regional Officers, APPCB for information and necessary action.
6. PS to Chairman, APPCB, Paryavaran Bhavan, Vijayawada for information.