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F.No. DPCC/Noise/2025/46-49

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Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Enforcement of Noise Pollution Control Measures and Implementation of Compensation Regime under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 across NCT of Delhi.

1. The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, were notified to control and prevent noise pollution under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Noise rules aim to protect public health and the environment by regulating noise levels from all sources like loudspeakers, vehicular horns, construction activities, and industrial machinery. Further, the rules lay down the noise standards for different areas (industrial, commercial, residential, silence zones) during both day & night hours. The rules prohibit the use of loudspeakers at night (10:00 PM to 6:00 AM) without prior permission from the relevant authority.
2. The Ambient Air Quality Standards in respect of Noise as per the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are as follows:

Category of Area/ Zone	Limits in dB(A) Leq*	
	Day time	Night time
Industrial area	75	70
Commercial area	65	55
Residential area	55	45
Silence zone	50	40

Note:- (a) Day time shall mean from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
(b) Night time shall mean from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.

3. DPCC issued direction on 25.06.2021 directing designated authorities in NCT of Delhi to implement Scale of Compensation for violation of Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 (Annexure -A).

4. The Hon'ble NGT vide its order dated 14.07.2022 in O.A. 519/2016 with respect to Noise pollution in Delhi ordered to issue appropriate statutory/administrative order in the light of Report identifying accountable authority/authorities for the steps to be taken for noise pollution control. Therefore, as per order dated 29.11.2022, the Department of Environment established the roles and actions of the designated authorities under Noise Rules (Annexure-B).
5. The role and actions defined for DPCC in the aforesaid order is as under:
 - a. Maintaining Noise Levels in any area/zone as specified in the Schedule.
 - b. To ensure compliance to the ambient air quality standards in respect of Noise.
 - c. Action regarding Noise of the D.G. Set/cooling towers/ Air Conditioners/compressors, if installed in industrial areas.
 - d. DPCC to maintain and operate real-time noise monitoring stations and share monitoring data with land owning agencies, which includes Hotspots also.
 - e. To collect, compile and publish technical and statistical data relating to noise pollution and measures devised for its effective prevention, control and abatement.
 - f. Compilation of action taken by enforcement agencies of data analysis.
 - g. To coordinate the awareness campaigns through the Department of Education, Transport and Environment.
 - h. Feasibility to be explored regarding globally available noise tracking system.
6. Despite clear cut office order regarding duties of different departments, there are several instances wherein public files complaint to DPCC about noise levels due to music system or other noise producing equipment installed in residential areas/commercial area/ industrial areas.
7. For consistency and streamline following SOP should be followed:
 - A. **Scope and Applicability:**

This SOP shall apply to all noise pollution complaints and enforcement activities across the jurisdiction of DPCC, including but not limited to eating houses, bars, pubs, restaurants, and other premises.

B. Definitions:

For the purpose of this SOP, terms shall have the meaning as assigned under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 and related environmental statutes.

C. Complaint Registration and Initial Action:

- I. All noise pollution complaints received by DPCC or forwarded from other authorities shall be recorded in the complaint register and dealt by the concerned CMC/Cell.
- II. The dealing CMC/Cell will request DPCC (Air) Lab, if required, to conduct noise monitoring within 03 days.

D. Noise Monitoring and Inspection:

- I. Air Laboratory of DPCC shall conduct noise monitoring during the time frame as mentioned in the complaint. Background noise level of the close surrounding area shall also be monitored for comparison with actual noise generating source(s).
- II. Monitoring shall be in accordance with prescribed standards as per Schedule III of the Noise Rules, 2000.
- III. Inspections/ noise monitoring should preferably be conducted in presence of project proponent and complainant or their representatives.
- IV. Deficiencies in compliance, including use of loudspeakers, public address systems, and any other noise generating equipment, shall be documented meticulously.
- V. Inspecting officials shall fill up the Inspection Report and provide a copy to both the parties after obtaining their signature.

E. Assessment and Documentation:

- I. Noise monitoring results and inspection reports shall be compiled and analyzed by the concerned Cell for determination of violation, if any.
- II. After receipt of Noise Monitoring report by the cell, if the report is found above the prescribed limit, it shall forward detailed monitoring and inspection reports along with enforcement recommendations to the concerned designated authorities within 07 days with a copy to the complainant to follow up with the concerned designated authority.

- III. The SDM shall coordinate with the Police for seizure of noise generating equipment causing violation, pursuant to directions issued by DPCC dated 25.06.2021 and other applicable orders.
- IV. In case, no compliance report is received from the office of Designated Authority/ Authorities, reminder shall be sent between 21 and 30 days w.e.f. date of issue of letter.
- V. If the noise level as measured by the DPCC Lab is found within limit, a letter will be written to the complainant informing them about the test results.

F. Enforcement Actions:

- I. Environmental Compensation (EC) shall be imposed in accordance with the direction dated 25.06.2021.
- II. For imposition and recovery of Environmental Compensation (EC) Office order number DPCCRDPC/SCN-App/2024-25/88-93 dated 03.06.2025 shall be followed.(as amended)
- III. EC so imposed shall be deposited by violators through pay order/ DD in favour of 'Delhi Pollution Control Committee' or in DPCC designated account (Account No. 10166747672, IFSC SBIN0005715, SBI ISBT Branch).

G. Legal Compliance:

- I. All actions shall be taken strictly in accordance with provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read along with Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000, and orders issued in this regard from time to time.
8. This SOP will supersede office orders with regard to procedure for action against Noise Pollution and shall come into effect immediately.

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